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Sanae Takaichi wins historic vote, is Japan's first woman pm

Sanae Takaichi, a staunch conservative who admires Margaret Thatcher, became Japan's first woman prime minister on Tuesday

The 64-year-old, who won the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) leadership this month, has positioned herself as a hardliner focused on defence and economic security. After forging a last-minute coalition deal, Takaichi was appointed by parliament on Tuesday as the country's first woman head of government and Japan's fifth leader in as many years

On tariffs, she said she won't shy away from renegotiations with US if the deal is implemented in a way deemed harmful or unfair to Japan | P14

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votes were won by Takaichi, 4 more than a majority

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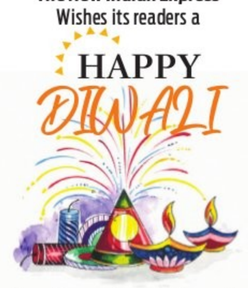

Our offices and press will remain closed today and there will be no issue of the paper on Thursday

Teacher kicks, beats up 9-yr-old in temple school

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@ Chitradurga

A nine-year-old boy was brutally kicked and beaten up by a teacher at the Sanskrit Vedadhyayan Residential School, run by the Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department, at Nayakanahatti of Chitradurga district. The only mistake of the homesick boy, Tarun, was to call his grandmother.

A video grab of Veeresh Hiremath kicking the boy

The incident occurred in February this year, but came to light only now.

The video, shot by another student at the school, shows the teacher, Veeresh Hiremath, first hitting the boy with a stick. He then threatens the boy, saying, "If you call from any other number, you will not be allowed to live." P5

POST-DEEPAVALI

Delhi air quality worst in 4 years

Revellers flouted time limit for firecrackers

IFRAH MUFTI @ New Delhi

DESPITE a Supreme Court fiat and the Delhi government's repeated appeals for a "Green Diwali", the national capital woke up to a thick, suffocating haze the morning after the festival, as pollution levels shot through the roof across Delhi-NCR on Tuesday.

The city witnessed its worst air quality since 2021, with PM2.5 levels zooming to 488 micrograms per cubic metre within 24 hours after Diwali—over three times the pre-festival level of 156.6. PM2.5 represents the quantity of fine particles that easily penetrate the respiratory system. This year's spike was the highest in five years (see graphic).

Though the SC allowed bursting firecrackers only between 8 -10 pm, crackers boomed till 2.30 am. By 6.05 am on Tuesday, the city's overall AQI was 347, falling in the 'very poor' category. Of the 37 air quality monitoring stations, 34 recorded readings in the red zone — 'very poor' to 'severe'. Last year, the AQI stood at 359 the morning after Diwali.

Among the city's 10 most polluted areas, Bawana topped the list with AQI of 418, followed by Wazirpur at 408 and Jahangirpuri at 404, all falling in the severe category.

Heavy smog near India Gate in New Delhi at dawn on Tuesday | SAYANTAN GHOSH

$1L H-1B fee won't apply for visa holders

JAYANTH JACOB & PUSHPITA DEY
@ New Delhi

A month after US President Donald Trump's proclamation jacking up the fee for H1-B visas to a steep $100,000 caused panic among international students and professionals, the US government has now clarified that the fee won't apply to most current visa holders and recent international graduates.

In a detailed clarification issued on Monday, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) said the fee will not be applicable to those already in the country seeking a 'change of status' or an 'extension of stay'. The fee is only applicable to petitions filed on or after 12:01 am ET on September 21, 2025, for beneficiaries outside the US without a valid H-1B visa, or those requesting consular processing.

While the September 21 Presidential proclamation created confusion regarding the entry of professionals to the US, the USCIS confirmed that the proclamation does not impact travel for current H-1B visa holders or those with an approved change of status petition.

Importantly, USCIS said that even those with expired F-1 or H-1B visas who depart the US and later return on an approved petition will not be subject to the fee, provided their original petition was filed before the September 21 cutoff date.

The update offers long-awaited clarity to thousands of skilled foreign workers and international graduates.

B'luru to get ₹1.20Lcr boost for infra works

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CAN money work the magic? The bumbling and crumbling Bengaluru is set to get a huge cash infusion, nearly Rs 1.20 lakh crore, from the state government for various development projects in the city.

Speaking after the ground breaking ceremony of Rs 58.44 crore-worth white-topping and comprehensive road development project in Chickpet on Tuesday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah made the significant announcement.

The CM also listed out the projects in the pipeline for Bengaluru. The CM said that the government will extend Metro lines and implement the Tunnel Road project, a new outer ring road and double-decker roads, among other projects, to decongest and develop Bengaluru.

The CM said white topping is being carried out to address the vexing issue of potholes so that roads will last for at least 30 years. He added that instructions have been given to officials to fill potholes by the end of October. "There should be no compromise on quality," the CM said.

DCM DK Shivakumar said they are preparing a detailed project report (DPR) for white topping of 500 km of roads in the city at Rs 4,000 crore. P2

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EXPRESS READ

V Srinivasan to remain Tata trustee for life

New Delhi: Tata Trusts has unanimously reappointed Venu Srinivasan as a trustee for life. This comes amid reports of a vertical split within Tata Trusts - with one faction said to align with Noel Tata and the other comprising those seen as loyalists of the former doyen | P16

EXPRESS INTAKE

Cong, BJP trade charges over fundraising for Bihar polls | P4

It's a ₹46-crore dhamaka festive business for KMF | P6

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY
And
5 BENGALURU CITY CORPORATIONS

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Bengaluru City Development

A Precious Gift to the Citizens of Bengaluru for this Deepavali

Historic Decision by Government of Karnataka

B-Khata to A-Khata Conversion & New Sites also get A-Khata

How to apply for B-Khata to A-Khata Conversion & A-Khata for New Sites

Up to 2000 sqm

- Login using your Mobile & OTP @https://bbmp.karnataka.gov.in/BtoAKhata
- Enter EPID of your FINAL B-Khata & Fetch
- Aadhaar Authentication of Owners
- Confirm site Location, type of road in front of site
- Both converted & unconverted sites eligible (Flats not eligible)
- Print acknowledgement after paying Rs.500/-as application fee
- Site visit by city corporations & confirmation
- Pay "Single Plot" approval fee @5% of guidance value of site & other charges
- Automatic Single Plot approval & A-Khata is issued as per eligibility

More than 2000 sqm

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- Upload required documents and CAD drawing
- Pay Initial Scrutiny Fee of Rs. 500
- Submit application online (Flats not eligible)
- Site inspection by visit
- Approval as per eligibility
- Payment of Applicable Fees
- Single Plot Approval Certificate and Drawing issued & A-Khata is issued as per eligibility

The Constitutional Fundamental duty of every Indian is to protect public property and renounce violence

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BENGALURU

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• Wednesday: 22.10.2025 • Year: Vishwavasu • Ayana: Dakhsinayana
• Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Karthika • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Prathami 5.33 pm
• Nakshatra: Swathi 12.24 am • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 12:00 pm to 01:30pm
• Gulikakala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Yamaganda: 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 24°C
FORECAST
Passing showers. Overcast

Sunrise 06.11 am
Sunset 05.57 pm
Moonrise 06.37 am
Moonset 06.23 pm

DEEPAVALI NIGHTS

City records reduced noise pollution, improved air quality

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

COMPARED to last year, Bengaluru recorded an improvement in air quality and reduced noise pollution this Deepavali.

As per data from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), the city witnessed a positive trend in terms of air quality and noise pollution on the first day of the festival.

On October 20, the city recorded an average Air Quality Index (AQI) of 77, compared to 153 in 2024, marking a 98% decrease in pollution levels. Monitoring stations at Hebbal, NIMHANS, and Silk Board registered a sharp decline in pollution levels.

AQI at the city railway station dropped from 130 in 2024 to 104 in 2025, while NIMHANS saw a reduction from 121 to 44. In Hebbal, it improved from 263 to 74, reflecting a substantial fall.

As per data on noise pollution levels available for comparison from six stations, the average ambient noise level on Sunday was 63.95 decibel (dB) compared to 68.6 dB in 2024, a marginal decline. However, on Monday, the city's average noise level dropped to 63.5 dB, down from 67.03 dB in 2024. Noise monitoring stations at Basaveshwaranagar and BTM Layout recorded a noticeable decline. At Yeshwanthpur and Domlur, it remained almost unchanged.

SS Lingaraja, member-secretary, KSPCB, said the data showed a positive trend in air quality in the city on the first day of Deepavali. This was because of the strict enforcement of norms and awareness campaigns. Green crackers played a big role here, he added.

The injured being treated at Minto Eye Hospital on Tuesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Hospitals see surge in firecracker injuries

GAYATHRI M KURUP @Bengaluru

HOSPITALS in Bengaluru have reported a surge in firecracker-related injuries this Deepavali, with doctors noting that more than half of the affected victims are children, highlighting the dangers the festival poses to young ones. Minto Ophthalmic Hospital recorded 16 cases on Monday and four cases on Tuesday. Three surgeries were performed on patients who sustained serious eye injuries while handling crackers.

Sankara Eye Hospital treated 16 cases over Deepavali night and the following day, including six children and ten adults. While some patients suffered minor burns, redness, and superficial eye irritation, one required eyebrow suturing. Two patients at Sankara sustained grievous injuries, a 12-year-old boy suffered a corneal tear, internal bleeding, and a cataract after a bomb he tried to relight exploded in his eye, while a 34-year-old man, injured as a passerby near a temple, sustained severe eye trauma.

"We have to treat these injuries with corneal suturing and other procedures, but even after all that, the chances of regaining vision are very low, only 5 to 10 percent," said Dr. Lalitha K J, Senior Consultant Glaucoma, Sankara Eye Hospital. "It is a very bad injury, especially for children. A child who suffers such an injury may have to live a lifetime with partial or no vision in that eye," she added.

Ramaiah Hospital received two cases where a two-year-old boy was rushed in after accidentally ingesting crackers while a 31-year- old woman has been reported with minor burns. Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital treated three children aged 11–17 for minor injuries , redness and eye irritations.

Doctors emphasized that while a few injuries were minor and reversible, grievous cases may lead to permanent vision loss. "In our group, out of 16 patients, nearly 12 are children. Children are definitely more affected compared to adults this time," said Dr. Pallavi Joshi, Senior Consultant—Cornea and Refractive Services, Sankara Eye Hospital. She advised parents to closely supervise children, ensure protective eyewear is worn, and teach safe handling of fireworks.

EXPRESS READ

IIM-B to mark 52nd Foundation Day next week

The Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore (IIM-B) is set to celebrate its 52nd Foundation Day on October 28. The event will feature a lecture on 'Beyond Borders: Preparing for a World in Transition' by former foreign secretary Nirupama Rao. Apart from the lecture, there will be talks by Prof U Dinesh Kumar, Director In-charge at IIM-B, and Prof Malavika R Harita, Member at IIM-B's Board of Governors. A slew of awards are also scheduled to be distributed on the day, including the Alumni Service Award (ASA). On October 27, scholarships will be distributed to children of the IIM-B community. The Raghuvir Kothi Memorial Scholarship will also be awarded. ENS

Sumanahalli crematorium shut from Oct 22-Nov 2

Due to emergency maintenance work, operations at the Sumanahalli electric crematorium located in the Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone of the Bengaluru West City Corporation will be temporarily suspended for 12 days. Accordingly, the crematorium will remain closed from October 22-November 2, a release said, adding, "The public is requested to utilise nearby electric crematoriums in Peenya, Medi Agrahara, and Kengeri for cremation services." ENS

Bescom Mitra to go offline on Oct 24,25

Online services, including payment of bills, application for new connections and tariff change applications, in all the five electricity supply companies (Escoms) of the state will be affected on October 24 and 25 to carry out urgent maintenance work. "The online services of the urban subdivisions of all Escoms will not be available. The online services include bill payment, new connections, name and tariff change services through the Escom portals and payment services through Bescom Mitra mobile app, Bengaluru One and Karnataka One. People are requested to cooperate for the inconvenience," Bescom officials said. ENS

BJP MLAs need not worry, infra funds will be in their kitty: Siddu

Launches white topping, road development work worth Rs 58.44 crore in Chickpet ward

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said on Tuesday that he will not discriminate against BJP MLAs in allocation of funds for development projects across the state.

Speaking after launching work on a Rs 58.44-crore white topping and road development project in Chickpet ward of Gandhinagar Assembly constituency here, Siddaramaiah hit out at Opposition BJP stating that a Rs 11,300-crore grant announced by the NDA government at the Centre for various development projects in the city has not been released. The Centre has also not released the GST share of Rs 15,000 crore.

He criticised the BJP leaders from the state for not pressuring the Centre to release the promised funds. The Modi government announced Rs 11,400 crore as a special grant for various development projects in Bengaluru. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman announced Rs 5,300 crore for the Upper Bhadra Project. But the Centre did not give a single rupee to the state. "I thought the Metro project will be implemented on a 50:50 cost-sharing basis by the state and Union governments. But it is not happening. Despite the state government's contribution of 83.12%, the BJP leaders claim that it is a Central project," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar perform bhoomi puja for white topping works in Chickpet on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Ensure Rao's victory by 25K votes, say CM, DCM

Expressing unhappiness over Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao's thin margin of victory in the Assembly election from Gandhi Nagar, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar appealed to voters from the constituency to ensure that their MLA wins by a margin of at least 25,000 votes in the next election. Rao won the 2023 election by a margin of just 100 votes against BJP's Sapthagiri Gowda AR. Siddaramaiah said BJP leaders only talk, but Rao connects with people. Lauding Rao for not agreeing to widen roads in Chickpet as it may lead to inconvenience, the CM said, "Instead of widening the roads, Dinesh implemented a plan to modernise them."

Criticising Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka and other BJP leaders, Siddaramaiah said not a single road was built when that party was in power in the state. It did not even fix a single pothole, he alleged.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said during Manmohan Singh's tenure as Prime Minister, the state received funds for various projects under the JNNURM scheme. The contribution of BJP MPs to the state is nil, he alleged.

"When PM Modi came to inaugurate Metro Yellow Line, I requested him for funds for projects worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore to be implemented in the city. Bengaluru pays the highest taxes after Mumbai. I have not received any reply from the Union government so far," he said.

BCC: Farmers to get triple compensation

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"WHITE topping of 148 km of roads has already been taken up. A total of Rs 1,800 crore is being spent on the development of 83 roads. Black topping work is under way on 182 roads of 350 km length. Rs 695 crore is being spent on this. The chief minister has given a new grant of Rs 1,100 crore. We have taken up asphalting of 550 km of roads," he said.

"In the last Cabinet meeting, a decision to build the 117-km-long Bengaluru Business Corridor was taken. Our government has decided to give bumper compensation to farmers. We have decided to give triple compensation, Transferable Development Rights (TDR), or Floor Area Ratio (FAR). No previous government had shown courage in this matter, though it was decided in 2007-08," he said.

He said the government has decided to build 113 km-long elevated corridors in the city. The DCM stated that the 10,000 potholes have been closed and even invited the public to complain about the issue to get it fixed, unlike the previous BJP government under Basavaraj Bommai, which had to close 20,000 plus potholes under the supervision of the court monitoring committee.

He also said the government is helping people to avail loan for construction, and all 28 lakh properties in Bengaluru will be added to the e-khata. He said the initiative of e-khata is lauded by the central government and is called the 6th Guarantee of the Congress government.

The CM stressed that the idea of decentralising Bengaluru was proposed when BJP was in power, and after the Congress government came to power, five corporations were created.

Health Minister and local MLA Dinesh Gundu Rao said installation of fire hydrants at Chickpet is crucial as fire tenders find it difficult to enter narrow lanes during emergencies.

WHITE TOPPING TO CONTINUE

The white topping work will be taken up on BT Street, Rangaswamy Temple Street, Sultanpet Main Road, Kilari Road, Hospital Road, BMTC Road (from Dhanvantri Road to Gubbi Thotadappa Road), Tank Bund Road, Race Course Road (from Maurya Junction to Hare Krishna Junction), covering a total length of 5.572 km.

Amid infra debate, Shaw calls on CM, DCM, invites them to family event

Biocon Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw calls on DCM DK Shivakumar at the latter's residence in Sadashivanagar on Tuesday| EXPRESS

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AGAINST the backdrop of the ensuing debate between industrialists and the Congress government in the state, about Bengaluru's poor infrastructure, Biocon Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday.

Kiran has been vocal about the crumbling infrastructure in the state capital and the garbage issue irking Bengalureans. This has not been well-received by the government, which alleged that she had an agenda. However, it is learnt that the Biocon chief met the two leaders to extend an invitation to a family event.

She met Siddaramaiah at his official residence, where Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj S Horatti was also present. While the meeting with Siddaramaiah was quick, Kiran apparently spent more time in discussions with Shivakumar at his Sadashivanagar residence. Following the meeting, Shivakumar posted on X that he and Kiran had an engaging talk about Bengaluru's growth, innovation, and the path ahead for Karnataka's growth story.

Kiran also met Industries Minister MB Patil and extended the invitation. Patil said they briefly exchanged views on addressing the rising infrastructure needs of the city, strengthening its innovation ecosystem, and advancing Karnataka's growth through technology and research.

Shivakumar and Patil had criticised Kiran for her remarks. While Shivakumar had indirectly asked Kiran "not to forget her roots", Patil had questioned "whether roads can be asphalted using CSR funds".

Kiran also met other leaders, including former chief minister BS Yediyurappa and Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

22nd October : Spooning the Universe It is said that overhead, there's a cosmic soup in which the imagination of the world swirls. We need only spoon the universe -- taste and embrace, curl and collapse into it -- to know the flavor of what is possible. This Scorpio season begins with a Neptune shift toward the land of dreams, offering the psychic fluidity and intuition needed to find soul comfort.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your capacity for curiosity is remarkable. You have the instinct to ask how and why things work as they do, and because of this orientation of mind, your questions will keep leading you to fresh discoveries no one else has noticed.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Doing carries more weight than saying. You might not be able to fully articulate what you're experiencing, learning and feeling right now, but that's OK because what really speaks is the action you take. Action is the difference in the world.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Love makes space for you to be yourself. If you feel you have to shrink or act a certain way, it's not love; it's control or dependency. You'll know the kind of love that delights in who you are, not just in what you provide.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
You'll appreciate circumstances that are not ideal. You don't ignore the fact that they are hard, but you see something beautiful in them -- something that couldn't exist if things were any other way than exactly how they are.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
When plans come together, it's really exciting. You may feel eager to talk about the budding success, but things are still in the fragile, early stage. Don't share too soon -- much is going to change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Efficiency is wonderful, but sometimes the long way around is richer. Let the conversation meander if it wants to. Hint: it wants to. The detours and other "inefficiencies" will bring information to light. Side trails have better scenery than the main road.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Balance isn't always about symmetry; sometimes it's about giving more weight to what really matters, or what doesn't seem to matter at all, because you never know. Think of it as a check to make sure the scales are calibrated correctly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Share your way of seeing. What's ordinary to you may be dazzling to someone else. Even your routines are filled with novelty others would thrill to know. You'll realize you've been living with treasures so familiar you've forgotten their worth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Control is overrated. Even when you think you have it, surprises still happen. Today you'll discover the relief in letting go. It's not about surrendering your power, but refusing to waste it in places it can't do much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Authority will be shown in ways outside of rank or title. Sometimes the most influential voice in the room belongs to the one who listens the most carefully. Your steady attention changes dynamics, quietly shifting the direction of the group.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Memory is unreliable. It edits, changing the meaning. It exaggerates, inspiring unhelpful takes. It plum erases. But what remains is often what matters most: the feeling. Your body recalls things your mind doesn't. Trust sensation as much as story.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
There's wisdom in boredom. When nothing entertains you, your mind starts to wander. Out of the lull comes brilliant connections and ideas. So don't be afraid of gaps. They are incubation chambers for your next adventure.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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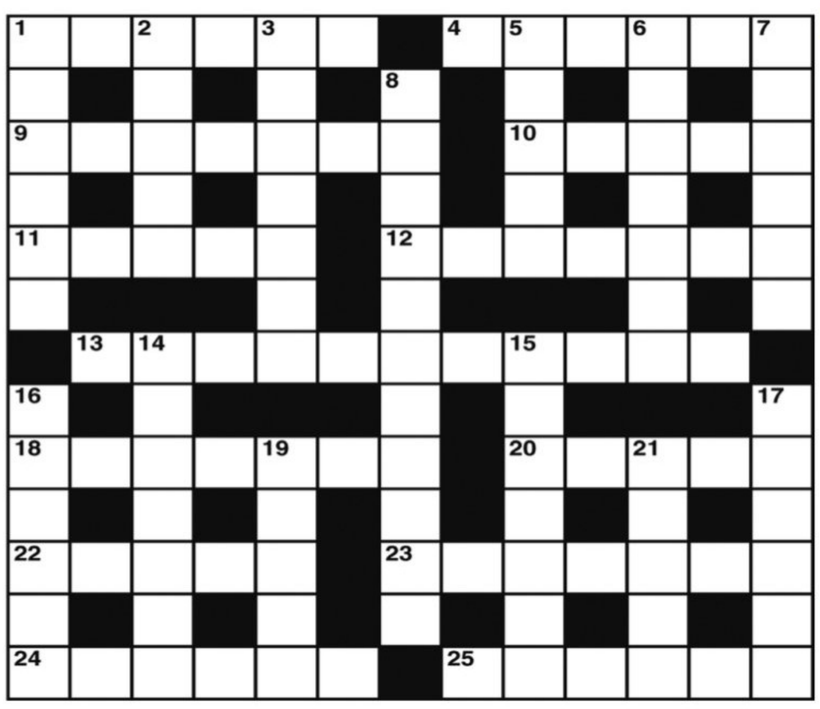

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Point a fair way out for an excursion (6)
4 Quieten down and puzzle people (6)
9 The South African flag (7)
10 Return works of deception (5)
11 All the composer required (5)
12 Noted visitor to the underworld (7)
13 It's inserted in order to provide impartiality (11)
18 Book store? (7)
20 Observing the rules and not carrying a gun (5)
22 Sharply inclined to be exorbitant (5)
23 Bird with no head for danger (7)
24 Do let's make changes for the first-born (6)
25 Not open for business but clinched a deal (6)

DOWN
1 The opposite of insecurity in getting fat? Yes! (6)
2 Fast ships (5)
3 Composer is brought up in irons but set free (7)
5 Maybe Poe's a fabulous storyteller (5)
6 Runners - but not in a vegetable garden (7)
7 Be mischievous, switch the file and remain quiet (6)
8 Give spot cash right on time? (3,2,3,3)
14 Sainted eccentric taken as a replacement (7)
15 A public delivery (7)
16 Quickly redrafted poster (6)
17 Hounds may go like this but not horses (6)
19 One knows them to be well-informed (5)
21 Departures could be set about eleven (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Dessert, 5 Agree, 8 Plays with fire, 9 Theme, 10 Visible, 11 Moment, 12 Garret, 15 Lenient, 17 There, 19 Schoolmasters, 20 Ample, 21 Sanctum.
Down: 1 Depot, 2 Statesmanship, 3 Eastern, 4 Thieve, 5 Aphis, 6 Reimbursement, 7 Element, 11 Melissa, 13 Artisan, 14 Stamps, 16 Elope, 18 Epsom.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

LUVTA
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There goes the last piece!
That was fun, Grandpa! Can we do another one?
Sure. We love spending time with you two.
We finally finished it!
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Slamming the Congress on Tuesday, BJP MP BY Raghavendra said the party, which once demanded proof of India's surgical strikes, is now seeking proof about its own corruption

CONG, BJP TRADE CHARGES OVER FUNDRAISING FOR BIHAR POLLS

Ruling party has turned Karnataka into an ATM to fund polls in other states, says Oppn

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AS electioneering in Bihar is gaining momentum, in Karnataka, the ruling Congress and Opposition BJP leaders are engaged in a war of words over raising funds for elections in other states.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra told media persons that there were several instances to show that the Congress government converted Karnataka into an ATM for elections in other states. Backing his brother and BJP MP BY Raghavendra's allegations that Congress leaders in Karnataka were collecting funds for Bihar elections, Vijayendra said, "The ministers are asking for evidence (to back Raghavendra's allegations). Have Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar forgotten the Valmiki Development Corporation scam?" he asked.

The BJP leader said in the Valmiki Development Corporation scam, the ED probe showed that funds were transferred to Telangana, and money was also used in the Lok Sabha elections. Allegations made against the Congress government by the Contractors Association and CM's Economic Advisor Rayareddy are proof of rampant corruption in the government, the BJP leader said.

Earlier, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka had also alleged that the Congress government has turned Karnataka into an ATM for funding the party in the elections in other states.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, and other senior leaders, however, dismissed the BJP allegations. "I think Vijayendra and Raghavendra, other BJP leaders were in the practice of doing it, so they are recalling what they did," the DCM said, responding to Vijayendra and his brother's allegations.

Shivakumar asked the BJP leaders to show evidence to back their allegations. "They are afraid of our Congress party. I.N.D.I.A will come back to power in Bihar," he said.

Ramalinga Reddy said the Congress government is giving Rs 52,000 crore to the people of the state, but when the BJP was in power in the state, they were sending money from Karnataka to other states. "Like them (BJP), we are not sending black money to other states. BJP leaders do not have any moral right to talk about Congress." Reddy added that there was a video of senior BJP leaders BS Yediyurappa and Ananth Kumar talking about giving money to their party's high command.

"BJP leaders who are accusing Congress of collecting money for Bihar polls must respond to it (the video)," he said, showing a video clip of a conversation between senior BJP leaders.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra greets Union minister HD Kumaraswamy and his son and JDS Youth Wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru on Tuesday

BJP, JDS to set up co-ord panels for local polls: BYV

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AHEAD of elections to the local bodies, including the zilla panchayats and corporations under the newly-constituted Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), alliance partners BJP and JDS have decided to form coordination committees, one to oversee and coordinate polls in Bengaluru, and another for the same purpose in other parts of the state.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra, who met JDS leader and Union minister HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday, said they discussed working together in the coming polls, for which coordination panels will be constituted. "Kumaraswamy will send names of those from the JDS who would be committee members in the next eight days," he added.

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> BY Vijayendra, BJP state president

'B'luru got worse under Cong'

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, Vijayendra said that under Congress rule, the state of Bengaluru has only worsened. There is no development and people are cursing the government. "When BS Yediyurappa was chief minister, he would take criticisim from industrialists and others positively. But now, when people like Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Mohandas Pai are offering suggestions to the government, instead of considering them, leaders, including senior ministers, are criticising them openly," he said.

Speaking about his brother and Shivamogga MP BY Raghavendra, Vijayendra said the former has stated that money from Karnataka is being sent for elections in Bihar. "Ministers and others are seeking proof about this. Have they forgotten the Valmiki Development Corporation scam, where government had transferred money for polls? The money was transferred to unknown accounts, which was used to purchase gold and the same money was used for polls. The ED has also taken note of this," he said.

Now, 'letter from officials' questions Rayareddy

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Koppal

A LETTER war has started in Koppal after chief minister's economic advisor **Basavaraj Rayareddy** wrote to the CM Siddaramaiah about sand mafia and the involvement of officials in the racket across the state.

Now, an anonymous letter, claiming to be representing government officials, is doing the rounds on social media. It has no letterhead or signature, but lists 20 serious allegations, most of them targeted at Rayareddy and seeks answers.

Rayareddy, in his letter, had sought action from the CM against officials stationed in the same place for many years. He demanded appropriate action against those officials involved in rampant sand mining and corruption. He warned that illegal sand mining is causing a huge loss to the public exchequer, as 150-200 lorries make trips in Koppal district alone.

He stated that complaints have been filed against department officials involved in corruption, and that over 200 people are involved in the sand mafia.

The letter purportedly posted by officials, meanwhile, asks questions targeting Rayareddy. Some of the important queries raised by it are: How can the CM's economic advisor gave capital exemption to some projects? Is the instruction to pay capital for the sand used for the Kuknur bypass road corruption? Are there no violations in sand mining going on in the name of the MLA's relatives in Shirur area? Is sand mining not causing losses to the government treasury?

The letter has raised questions about Rayareddy's actions and requested him to clarify all these questions.

Adarsha Vidyalaya guest lecturers not paid for 5 months

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

AROUND 814 guest lecturers from 74 Adarsha Vidyalayas across Karnataka have not received salaries for five months since June this year.

Rajendra Prasad, president of PU Guest Lecturers Association, Gundlupet, said, "None of the guest lecturers working in Adarsha Vidyalayas have received salaries for five months. Our salary is Rs 14,000 per month, with no allowances. How can one manage without salaries, especially during big festivals like Deepavali. Some guest lecturers have started working in supermarkets part-time after college hours, while others have joined coaching centres or run tuition classes at home to pay for expenses and rent."

Another lecturer in Bengaluru South district said, "Whenever the department appoints us, we are given a job for 10 months in each academic year. However, the salary they pay is only for nine months, which is from June to February. They don't pay the March salary, stating that classes get over for PUC-I students. We also work as examiners during PUC-II board exams, and are not paid any salary for the same."

In 2024, the state government had selected 74 Adarsha Government High Schools to upgrade them to PU colleges, to provide quality higher education for economically-backward students only in Commerce and Science streams. As a result, thousands of students got admission.

Prasad added, "As per the GO, a total of Rs 7.4 crore was allocated to upgrade these colleges. The order also stated that new desks, science lab, and computer lab equipment, would be installed at the start of this college. However, none of the colleges have received the upgradation."

Meanwhile, when *TNIE* tried reaching Bharat S, Director, Department of School Education (Pre-University), he was unavailable for comment. An official from Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa's office, however, said, "The salaries will be credited soon. The reason for the delay is that the file is with the finance department. It will be cleared."

'Govt withdrew cases against accused in Chittapur violence to appease Muslims'

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LEADER of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R Ashoka on Tuesday alleged that cases registered against 30 people for violence after cattle theft at Chittapur in Kalaburagi district recently have been withdrawn.

Addressing reporters at Chittapur, he said the Congress government took this decision just to appease Muslims. The BJP will move a court of law against withdrawal of the cases.

Ashoka said supporters of the accused in the cattle theft case indulged in violence at Chittapur in protest against police action. They threw stones and stormed the police station there. But Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge, Chittapur MLA, wrote to the government requesting it to withdraw the cases against the accused. Accordingly, the cabinet decided to withdraw the cases, Ashoka alleged.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra wishes LoP in the Assembly R Ashoka for Deepavali in Bengaluru on Tuesday

The Congress government had taken a similar decision with regard to the Hubballi violence case. But the court reprimanded it. "The Congress continues to appease Muslims for votes. If the accused are released, they will indulge in similar crimes in future. We will go to court against this decision," he said.

Referring to a circular issued by the education department in 2013 when Jagadish Shettar was CM to use school playgrounds for academic purposes only, Ashoka said it related to only one school at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru. This was done at the department level. Shettar did not have any role in it. Priyank's request to CM Siddaramaiah to ban RSS activities on government facilities/sites will not impact the Sangh, he said.

Hitting out at Congress leaders, he said the NDA government at the Centre has given five times more grants to the state than the previous UPA government. The Congress government is not in a position even to build a bus stand, hospital, or a road now, he alleged.

Jarkiholi to respond to Katti after Deepavali

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@ Belagavi

PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi on Tuesday said in Hukkeri that he would give a fitting response to the BJP leader and former MP Ramesh Katti's remarks against him after Deepavali. The Jarkiholis and the Kattis, two dominant political families in Belagavi, are likely to trade charges again.

After the elections to Hukkeri Electricity Cooperative Society and Belagavi DCC Bank, Jarkiholi said he would now travel across the state on a development agenda.

Jarkiholi said a case was registered against Katti for his alleged remarks against the Valmiki community.

Dismissing charges that the government was curbing RSS activities, he said: "The rule is that every organisation must get prior permission to use government premises."

He dismissed the BJP's claim that Karnataka's funds were being diverted to influence Bihar elections. "There is no truth in this. BJP's statements do not deserve any response," he said.

He said the newly elected board at Belagavi DCC Bank would soon decide on leadership positions. He said a leader from Kuruba community is likely to get nominated to the bank. Responding to Katti's barb that the Jarkiholi family was contesting even in general constituencies, the minister said, "We simply contest wherever the party gives us ticket."

Valmiki community calls for action against Katti

DAVANAGERE: Leaders of the Valmiki community sought action against former MP Ramesh Katti for his remarks against the community. A complaint registered at the city's Extension Police Station by Valmiki Nayaka Samaj district president B Veeranna said that Katti used obscene language against the Valmiki community while criticising the Jarakiholi brothers. Veeranna said that a protest will be held in the district soon.

FESTIVE GREETINGS

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar receives BJP MP Lahar Singh Siroya at his residence in Bengaluru on Tuesday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

BJP spokesperson booked for barbs against Priyank

BENGALURU: Bengaluru South District Congress Committee president BN Anand has filed a complaint with the High Grounds police here, against BJP chief spokesperson MG Mahesh, for allegedly making derogatory remarks against IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge. According to the petition submitted to the police on Friday, Mahesh allegedly addressed Kharge as a "slave", insulted his caste, and circulated false information with the intent to spread hatred and defame him. The petition also stated that the statements went viral on social media. The police said that since the incident occurred in Mysuru, and the case has been transferred to the Mysuru police for further investigation.

DIVINE DAYS

Record number of devotees take darshan of Goddess Hasanamba

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hassan

OVER 23 lakh devotees have had darshan of Goddess Hasanamba this year, raking in Rs 20 crore in revenues for the temple, which opens for just 12 days each year. According to Hassan District Deputy Commissioner KS Latha Kumari, record sales of Rs 1,000 and Rs 300 entry tickets, and laddu prasadam, contributed to the grand numbers.

The doors of the hallowed Sri Hasanamba Temple here, will now be closed on Thursday, as dictated by tradition. Wednesday is the last day for devotees to visit the temple. Latha Kumari said that this time around, the district administration managed the entry system at the temple more efficiently, which was welcomed by visitors.

Hassan district minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who worked to provide swift darshan for common visitors, personally supervised the queue system, providing them basic amenities and prasadam. He also personally helped manage the crowd, besides directing officials. Visitors to the temple appreciated the temple entry system and the basic amenities provided at the venue. For the first time, the temple authorities provided free entry for citizens aged above 80 years. Also, those who entered the temple with Rs-1,000 entry tickets received two packets of laddu prasadam.

Over 23 lakh devotees have visited the Sri Hasanamba Temple in Hassan this year | EXPRESS

Meanwhile, the Siddeshwara annual car festival will take place at the Shri Hasanamba Temple premises on Wednesday night, where thousands of devotees will witness a host of rituals.

Except for a protest by JDS workers, led by local MLA Swaroop Prakash, against the temple administrator over alleged neglect for Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy, in front of the Hassan City Corporation, the annual fair of Goddess Hasanamba proceeded peacefully.

Seer bats for dedicated Hasanamba corridor

SEER Nanjavadhutha Swamiji has urged the state government to set up a Hasanamba corridor on the lines of Ujjain and Kashi corridors. Speaking after visiting the Goddess Hasanamba temple here, he also sought that the government earmarked Rs 100 crore to develop and improve amenities in and around the temple. Stressing the importance of a single-window system for entry into the temple, the seer said it would reduce hurdles, especially while managing heavy crowds.

DESPERATE TIMES

Over 5L senior citizens in B'gavi register for work under MGNREGA

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@ Belagavi

IN all, 5,07,919 senior citizens over 60 years have registered as workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme in Belagavi district. Of them, 30,429 have been provided employment in the past six months. The number of registered senior citizen workers has risen by 61,136 compared to last year, reflecting a growing trend of elderly seeking work.

Disturbingly, even those in their 80s are turning to manual labour. In the first half of the 2025-26 fiscal year, 457 elderly aged over 80 were given jobs through the scheme. It provides employment to anyone who seeks it, including those between 61 and 80 years, and in some cases, even those beyond 80 years.

Officials inspect work carried out under the MGNREGA scheme in Belagavi | FILE

Last year, 4,46,783 senior citizens were registered as labourers across various gram panchayats in the district. This figure has now increased to 5,07,919, comprising 4,94,834 workers aged 61–80 and 13,085 workers over 80 years. In the past two years, the number of senior citizen labourers aged over 80 has increased by 3,000. Gram panchayats assign work based on age and ability under the scheme.

Among taluks, Hukkeri has recorded the highest number of senior citizens registering as labourers, followed by Athani. In Hukkeri, 55,076 in the 60-80 age group and 1,602 in the 80-plus category have registered.

In Athani taluk, 52,664 citizens above 60 and 1,647 citizens above 80 have registered for work. However, the highest number of citizens aged above 80 is found in Belagavi taluk, where 1,778 individuals have registered, but only 62 have been employed so far.

Within Belagavi taluk, Ambewadi Gram Panchayat has the highest number of registered senior citizen labourers at 1,429. Meanwhile, Balvanti Gram Panchayat records the highest number of senior citizens above 80, with 173 registrations.

The data paints a concerning picture of elderly citizens compelled to seek manual work in their later years, and the socio-economic challenges they face in rural Belagavi.

The police rescued 20 calves being illegally transported in a pick-up vehicle in Nanjangud taluk following a dramatic chase on Monday. The incident occurred within Hullahalli police station limits. During the chase, the pickup overturned near Ahalya village. The occupants of the vehicle managed to flee the scene, leaving the animals behind. The vehicle was seized, and a case has been registered at Hullahalli police station

CM CREDITS POLICE FOR CURBING MORAL POLICING

Siddaramaiah stresses that law and order key to state's development

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah has credited the state's police force for the notable decline in incidents of moral policing. He emphasised that maintaining law and order is essential for the overall development of the state.

He was speaking after paying tribute to eight police personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty in the state, on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day, held at the Martyrs' Garden in the City Armed Reserve (CAR) headquarters here on Tuesday. As many as 191 police personnel across the country have sacrificed their lives this year.

Siddaramaiah said that maintaining law and order is the responsibility of the police personnel. "If the police maintain peace and order in the state, it will help the overall development of Karnataka and attract more investors. As investments increase, more companies and factories will come up". He also noted that the police department bears the responsibility of protecting the rights granted to citizens under the Constitution.

The Chief Minister further said that four new Bomb Detection and Disposal Squads (BDDS) have been created in four police ranges. The government has also sanctioned the creation of two India Reserve Battalions (IRB)—one in Bengaluru Rural district and another in KGF. He announced that compassionate appointment orders have been issued to 116 individuals. The annual medical reimbursement limit under the Retired Police Health Scheme has been increased from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1.5 lakh. Similarly, the annual health check-up allowance for all police personnel has been raised from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,500.

The event was attended by Home Minister G Parameshwara, DG&IGP M A Saleem, retired IPS officers, and family members of the deceased police personnel.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, DG&IGP MA Saleem pay tributes to police personnel on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day, in Bengaluru, on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

TRAFFIC TIDE

Motorists navigate a road in Chickpet that was flooded after sudden rain, in Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

4 Nepalis held for robbing gig workers

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THE Bellandur police have arrested four Nepali nationals who allegedly targeted food delivery agents and stole their mobile phones. The police have recovered nine mobile phones and three two-wheelers from them.

The accused have been identified as Paras Singh (25), Mukesh Sai (19), Bipin Karki (20), and Sameer Lohar, all residents of Kudlu Gate. They were employed as security guards and housekeeping staff in private companies in the city. The gang had hatched a plan to make easy money by attacking food delivery personnel at night. They allegedly blocked the delivery agents' bikes, assaulted them, and fled with their mobile phones, police said.

The arrests followed a complaint by food delivery agent Suresh, who was robbed by six men on September 13, around 11.30 pm. The accused were arrested recently. The police added that instead of selling the stolen phones, the accused were using them.

Live-in couple dies by suicide after quarrel

Seema Nayak

Rakesh Patra

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A couple from Odisha was found dead in their house in Kallubalu village in Jigani police station limits, on Monday night. They were reportedly in a live-in relationship and were employed in a private housekeeping company for the past three months.

As both remained unresponsive for two days, and a foul smell started emanating, neighbours who worked in the same company broke the window glass and found Seema hanging and Rakesh lying on the floor. The deceased are Seema Nayak (25) and Rakesh Patra (23), who had been living with a friend in a rented house on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

A police officer said preliminary investigations revealed that after consuming alcohol, Patra and Seema used to have frequent arguments over money. On Friday, after the couple had a heated argument, their friend left for another friend's house. Later, the duo reportedly fought over something again before going to sleep.

"After some time, Rakesh hanged himself with a dupatta from the ceiling fan. It is suspected that Seema woke up at midnight, found Rakesh hanging, and cut the dupatta to save him. On realising that he was dead, she used the same dupatta to hang herself," the officer said. The bodies were sent for postmortem. The exact reason is not yet known, but it is suspected that a quarrel over financial issues led Rakesh to take the extreme step. A case of unnatural death was registered at Jigani police station.

CRIME PATROL

CAT set aside disciplinary action against ADGP Alok Kumar

Bengaluru: The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Bengaluru Bench, has set aside the disciplinary action issued by the Karnataka government against ADGP Alok Kumar in connection with the 2019 phone-tapping case. The Tribunal, comprising Justice BK Shrivastava (Judicial Member) and Santosh Mehra (Administrative Member), ruled that the government acted without sufficient reason and violated administrative propriety. The Tribunal also directed the state government to consider Kumar's promotion as recommended by the Departmental Promotion Committees of 2023 and 2024. The order, pronounced on September 4, came in response to Kumar's petition seeking to set aside the DPAR notice dated May 9, 2025, which revived a four-year-old inquiry linked to 2019 phone-tapping case. The Tribunal noted that then chief minister Basavaraj Bommai, closed the proceedings in May 2023, finding "no need for any disciplinary enquiry." However, the present CM, Siddaramaiah, later reversed that decision in May 2025. The Tribunal held that the earlier order was a final decision of the competent authority, and the subsequent review lacked justification or new evidence. **ENS**

B'gavi couple loses ₹30.65L to cyber fraudsters posing as law enforcement officers

Belagavi: A couple residing in the camp area of Belagavi reportedly lost Rs 30.65 lakh after falling prey to cyber criminals who impersonated law enforcement officers investigating a fake money laundering case. The victims, Meena Ashok Jabalkar and Ashok Ramakant Jabalkar, complained to the CEN police station. According to Jabalkar's complaint, the incident began on October 9 when she received a WhatsApp video call from an unknown number around 10 am. The caller introduced himself as Deepak Sharma from the 'Telegram Authority' and informed her that a money laundering case had been registered against her at the Colaba police station in Mumbai. He warned that her SIM card would be blocked within two hours. Another person named Sunil Kumar Gautam contacted her and transferred the call to a person posing as ACP Vikrant. The impostor instructed the couple to transfer all funds to a 'safe account', and warned them not to inform anyone. **ENS**

School's strength drops from 30 to 4

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THE teacher then goes on to knock the boy to the ground and kick him in the stomach.

After the video went viral, Veeresh had gone missing. The police traced him to Kalaburagi and brought him to Chitradurga. The school is affiliated to Guru Thipperudraswamy temple, whose executive officer Gangadharappa filed a complaint against Veeresh.

Tarun quit the school after the incident and is now continuing his studies at his hometown. Additional Deputy Commissioner BT Kumaraswamy told *TNIE*, "We have registered the complaint against the teacher, who was appointed by Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department. He has since been suspended from service."

DC T Venkatesh, too, said, "After receiving information from the tahsildar and executive officer of the temple, action was taken against the accused teacher." The school imparts Vedic and Sanskrit education to students after regular classes and school hours. The students are provided with food and accommodation by the temple. Soon after the video went viral, information was gathered from the tahsildar, Child Development Scheme Officer, BEO, DDPI and the Executive Officer of the temple, the DC said. Last February, when the incident occurred the school had around 30 students and the strength has come down to four now. Action has been taken to hand over these children to the District Child Protection Unit, he added. The temple executive officer did not inform the district administration of the incident and was lax in performing his duties. A show-cause notice has been issued to him, the DC said.

A report has been sent to the government, giving details of the incident, he added.

WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST TEACHER: MIN

Endowment Minister Ramalinga Reddy said action will be taken against the Sanskrit school teacher who assaulted a nine-year-old student. Condemning the teacher's conduct, the minister told reporters in Bengaluru that they have sought a report from senior officers, and action will also be taken against the school management.

Sandalwood theft at TB Board secy's place

Hosapete: A gang of unidentified miscreants broke into the official colony of the TB Board, under the jurisdiction of the TB Dam Police Station, and made away with a valuable sandalwood tree from the premises of the TB Board secretary's residence. According to the complaint, a group of 8 to 10 individuals, believed to be between the ages of 25 and 30, entered the compound at around 1.40 am. The intruders allegedly gagged him, tied his hands and feet, and threatened him. The gang then reportedly cut down and stole a sandalwood tree weighing approximately 100 kg and valued at an estimated Rs 3 lakh. S Jahnavi, Superintendent of Police (SP), Vijayanagara, stated that based on the complaint, the TB Dam Police have registered a case. A special investigation team (SIT) was formed. **ENS**

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The Urwa police arrested two interstate burglars within 20 hours of a series of house break-ins reported at three flats in Hathill, Mangaluru, on Tuesday. The arrested are Abhijith Das (24) and Deba Das (21), both from Assam. The accused had stolen jewellery worth Rs 20 lakh, Rs 5,000 in cash, 3,000 dirhams in foreign currency, and several mobile phones

₹46cr dhamaka for KMF this festive season

Sweet deals hit a record 1,100 tonnes, up 38% over last year's 724 tonnes

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@ Bengaluru

BREAKING all its previous records, Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has sold 1100 tonnes of sweets for Dasara and Deepavali this year, totting up business worth Rs 46 crore, Animal Husbandry Minister K Venkatesh said here on Tuesday. This marks a high in KMF's history.

Venkatesh told reporters there is a huge demand for sweets every year during Dasara and Deepavali, and KMF had made preparations well in advance to sell over 40 varieties of sweets under the 'Nandini' brand. In 2024, over 724 tonnes of sweets were sold during the festive season, resulting in Rs 33.48 crore of business. "We had set a target to sell 1000 tonnes of sweets and started preparing much earlier. We crossed our target and this year, 1100 tonnes of sweets worth Rs 46crore were sold, which is 38 per cent more than the previous year. It is a record," he said.

Claiming it is a remarkable achievement which stands testimony to the purity, quality and trust that Nandini symbolizes, he said it reflects the commitment, hard work and unity of Karnataka's dairy farming community and cooperative network. Popular sweets include milk peda, Dharwad peda, Mysuru pak, badam burfi, coconut burfi, rasogolla, kunda and others.

KMF has been in the forefront of the dairy cooperative sector for the past five decades. "On average, every day one crore litres of milk is collected across the state. Of this, 65 lakh litres of milk and milk-based products, including curd, are supplied within and outside the state. Under the 'Nandini' brand, 175 products including ghee, butter, paneer, sweets, milk powder, milk shakes and others are sent to Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Goa, Kerala, Delhi, Assam and other places. Nandini has become a trustworthy name for customers," he said.

KMF has 15 milk unions covering all districts in Karnataka that procure milk from primary dairy cooperative societies and distribute milk to consumers across the state. It is the second largest dairy cooperative in the country, and the largest in South India.

Women activists seek reprobe of D'sthala cases

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WHILE some have opposed investigation into the mysterious deaths of women in Dharmasthala, a group of over 50 women called on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and urged him to ensure justice for the victims of rape and murder.

The women, who are well-known personalities, have also sought implementation of the Ugrappa Committee report to curb violence against women across Karnataka. Representing the 'Kondavaru Yaaru? (Who are the Murderers?)' campaign, the signatories include journalist Vijayamma, actor Arundhati Nag, film makers Kavitha Lankesh and Deepa Dhanraj, scholars Prof AR Vasavi and Dr Janaki Nair, and several women's collectives.

Lauding the government's move to form a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the Dharmasthala atrocities, they called it a "bold and people-oriented step" that has inspired hope among women across the state. They demanded a comprehensive reinvestigation into past cases of rape and murder, including those of Soujanya, Padmalatha and Yamuna/Narayan, along with the suspicious deaths of Ravi Poojary, Gopalakrishna Gowda and Harish Madival, who were key witnesses in a murder case.

SIT searches the alleged burial sites in Dharmasthala village | EXPRESS

Citing the Karnataka High Court's 2024 ruling on official lapses in the Soujanya case, the activists pressed for immediate disciplinary and criminal action against errant officers under Section 166A IPC, for failure to perform their duties. Their demands include:

- Creation of an independent support group to assist SIT with gender justice expertise
- Protection, anonymity and rehabilitation for survivors and witnesses through public notices by the Women and Child Welfare department
- Legal action against anyone using caste, religion or political power to suppress the truth or intimidate victims
- Installation of CCTV surveillance and women's help desks at public and religious places to enhance safety
- Formation of internal committees under the POSH Act in all religious institutions
- Fast-tracking implementation of Ugrappa and Justice Verma committee reports for long-term reforms
- Introduction of comprehensive sexual education to promote mutual respect and equality

The statement applauded the government's "vision" in reviving the Ugrappa report but insisted that symbolic gestures are not enough and that the fight for justice in Dharmasthala is far from over. "Justice must not stop at announcements," they wrote. "Every woman in Karnataka must feel safe — in public, at home, and in places of worship."

3 schoolboys drown in canal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

THREE boys drowned in a canal near Bhaskara temple in Saligrama, KR Nagar taluk, on Monday. The deceased are Ayan (16), Aajan (13), and Luqman (14), all students of Navodaya School in KR Pet taluk. The police said the boys had come to their native to spend the Deepavali holidays.

The incident occurred around 4 pm when the trio went for a swim in the Chamaraja Left Bank Canal. When they failed to return home by evening, their families and villagers began searching for them. Clothes and slippers found near the canal raised fears of drowning, prompting an immediate search operation. Rescue teams comprising Saligrama police and fire department personnel recovered the bodies of Ayan and Aajan late in the night. The body of Luqman was fished out on Tuesday. A case has been registered.

MUDDY TRUDGE

A labourer makes her way through a flooded agricultural field after a nearby lake overflowed following rainfall, in Chikkamagaluru, Tuesday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

YOUTH HELD FOR KILLING OLDER SIBLING

Kolar: Two people have been arrested in connection with a murder case reported in Hanchala under the Kolar Rural police limits. The deceased has been identified as Afridi (27), a resident of Anjanapura, Bengaluru. Preliminary investigations revealed that Afridi, allegedly under the influence of alcohol, had been repeatedly harassing his mother and younger brother. Unable to tolerate the abuse, his younger brother Afroz (22), along with his friend Adil, reportedly hacked Afridi to death. ENS

B'luru division operates record 316 trains a day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) operated 316 trains in a single day on October 20, including 38 trains on demand — the highest ever in its history. The achievement came amid the festive rush of Diwali and Chhath, ensuring the safe dispatch of over 1.2 lakh passengers through key terminals such as Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT), KSR Bengaluru (SBC), and Yesvantpur (YPR).

To manage crowds, holding areas were created at key terminals — accommodating over 4,000 passengers collectively — equipped with seating, toilets, CCTV surveillance, and drinking water facilities. A divisional war room also monitored live CCTV feeds, enabling immediate action. Additional staff and Railway Protection Force personnel were deployed for ticketing, queue management, and crowd control.

Recalling an unprecedented incident, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Ashutosh K Singh said, "A standout moment came on October 18, when nearly 1,000 passengers overcrowded the holding area for Train No. 12253 Bhagalpur Express at SMVT. In response, six BMTC buses were arranged within 30 minutes to transport passengers to Yelahanka, where they were accommodated in another special train."

He further stated that the SWR had employed the auto analysis feature called the 'Trains of demand forecast' part of the Passenger Reservation Information Management Enhanced System (PRIME) to foresee the crowd and efficiently manage the same.

Khandre orders probe into vet's jumbo care lapses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga

FOREST Minister Eshwar Khandre has directed the Chief Conservator of Forests to investigate allegations of lapses in the treatment of elephant Balanna in the Sakrebailu Elephant Camp near Shivamogga. Apart from Balanna and Sagar, four other elephants too were ailing in the camp. Following this, various media outlets had highlighted about the shortage of vets in the camp.

In a letter dated October 21, the minister directed the CCF to recommend any disciplinary action if the veterinarian, or officials, or staffers, were found negligent during the treatment of the elephant. The investigation report has to be submitted within a week. Thirty-five-year-old Balanna was sent to Shivamogga city from the Sakrebailu Elephant Camp for the Dasara procession. He sustained injuries during that time and was administered with IV injection at the camp. But his condition has been worsening day by day.

When Balanna's injury was noticed, retired vet Kalappa provided treatment. But the treatment was not effective and another vet Murali from Tyavarekoppa Tiger and Lion Safari was brought to Sakrebailu to provide treatment. But the situation continued to deteriorate.

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Lenin Center, Governorpet, Vijayawada - 520 002 (A.P.)

E PROCUREMENT SHORT TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. 93/MAU61-USI0HB(BG)/16/2025-HB, Dt.21.10.2025.	APCRDA- H&B (Housing)- "RFP for selection of Service Provider for House Keeping services and Security services for APCRDA project office building at Rayapudi, Amaravati capital city"-Tender Notice-Reg.
NIT No. 94/MAU61-USI0HB(BG)/17/2025-HB, Dt.21.10.2025.	APCRDA- H&B (Housing)- "RFP for selection of Service Provider for technical facility management services and IT operations & maintenance services for APCRDA project office building at Rayapudi, Amaravati Capital City."-Tender Notice-Reg.

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **22.10.2025 to 29.10.2025** up to **14.00 Hrs.** Pre-Bid Meeting Date **24.10.2025** Due date for submission of Bid **29.10.2025** up to **15.00 Hrs,** Technical bid opening **29.10.2025 @16.00 Hrs.** For further details please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.crda.ap.gov.in**

NIT No. 95/MAU61-USI0US(OTH)/32/2025-IFR, Dt.18.10.2025

E PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

NAME OF WORK: APCRDA - "RFP for Engagement of Consultant for the Preparation of a Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management & Resilience Plan for **Amaravati Capital City Area, Andhra Pradesh**".

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **22.10.2025 to 12.11.2025** up to **14.00 Hrs.** Due date for submission of Bid is **12.11.2025** up to **15.00 Hrs,** Technical bid opening **12.11.2025 @16.00 Hrs.** For further details Please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.crda.ap.gov.in.**

Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada

INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
BANNERGHATTA ROAD BRANCH, New 12 & 13, N.S. Palya Ind. Area,1st Cross, Next to Shoppers Stop, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bangalore - 560076. Ph No. 8925951605, E-Mail : iob1605@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on, **AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS** for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal **https://baanknet.com**

Name & address of the Borrowers : 1. Mr. K N Venkatesh Prasad, No.24, 1st Cross, St. Antony Layout, Opp Royal Meridean Layout, Devara Chickkanahalli, Begur, Bangalore 560068. **2. Mr K N Venkatesh Prasad,** No. 302, Third Floor, "Valley View Residency" Apartment, New Site No. 244, Old Site No. 242,243 & 244, Sy.No. 122, 125/2, 125/3, 125/4, 125/5 & 131/2, Queen Valley Layout, Off Attibele- TVS Road, Ballur Gate, Ballur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107. **3. Mrs G N Komala,** No. 24, 1st Cross, St. Antony Layout, Opp Royal Meridean Layout, Devara Chickkanahalli, Begur, Bangalore 560068. **4. Mrs G N Komala,** No. 302, Third Floor, "Valley View Residency" Apartment, New Site No. 244, Old Site No. 242,243 & 244, Sy.No.122, 125/2, 125/3, 125/4, 125/5 & 131/2, Queen Valley Layout, Off Attibele- TVS Road, Ballur Gate, Ballur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107.

Date of NPA : 31.03.2017 **Date of Demand Notice : 28.04..2017**

Dues claimed in Demand Notice : Rs. 18,19,893/- as on 28.04.2017 ((HL 1605033513000037- Rs. 16,04,305/-, TL-160503461300004 - Rs. 2,15,588/-) with further interest & costs.

Date of Possession Notice : 29.07.2017

Dues claimed in Possession Notice : Rs. 18,78,970/- ((HL 1605033513000037- Rs. 16,56,650/-, TL-160503461300004- Rs. 2,22,320/-) as on 29.07.2017 with further interest & costs till date of payment.

Outstanding dues as on 17.10.2025 is Rs. 20,69,612/- (HL 1605033513000037- Rs.18,68,008.31, TL-160503461300004 - Rs. 2,01,603.39) with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full.

Outstanding dues of Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.) : Not known

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule of Secured Assets :- All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat in the 3rd Floor, bearing No.302, formed by Amalgamation of Old Sites No.s.242, 243, and 244, Amalgamated New Site No.s.244, Carved Out of Sy.No.125/4 in the Layout Named as 'Queen Valley" formed in composite Sy.Nos.122,125/2,125/3,125/4,125/5 and 131/2 Measuring 1027 Sq.Ft Built Up Area and UDS 366 Sq.Ft of Ballur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 562107 **bounded on : East by :** Staircase, Lift and cut outs, **West by :** Open to Air, **North by :** Flat No.303, **South by :** Flat No.301. **The property in the name of Mr Venkatesh Prasad H N and Mrs G N Komala.**

Reserve Price : Rs. 17,00,000/- **EMD : Rs. 1,70,000/-**

Bid Increase Amt : Rs. 20,000 **Auto extension time: 10 minutes**

Date & Time of Auction : 07.11.2025, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Inspection Date & Time : During Office Hours From 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from 23.10.2025 to 03.11.2025.

Known Encumbrance if any : NIL *Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues

For terms and conditions please visit : **https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx https://www.publishtenders.gov.in https://baanknet.com/bidder-registration (web portal of e-auction Service provider)**

Date : 21.10.2025 **Sd/-**
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mrs.Shwetha H D/o H.C Hanumaiah** is willing to sell the Schedule Property in favour of my Client **Mrs. B Shobha Rammohan** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned their Advocate **Bhojappa KK,** KBK LAW POINT #14, 15th Cross, 1st "D" Main, MTS Layout, 2nd Stage, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-60, within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE and parcel of immovable property of the residential Site No.5940/A, formed in the land Sy.No. 19/1 of Challagatta Village, developed by the Bengaluru Development Authority in the name of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, 5th Block Sector-I, having its PID No.6000084913, measuring to an extent of East-West : 12.00 Meters and North - South : 09-00 Meters, totally 108.00 Sq Meters, together with all rights, appurtenance, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on ; East by Road, West by Site No.5932/G, North by Site No.5940 & South by Site No.5940/B.

Contact: **Mr. Bhojappa KK** Advocate
Office at : #14, 1st "D" Main Road, MTS Layout, 15th Cross Road, 2nd Stage, Kengeri Setllite Town, Bengaluru-560060.
Mobile. No. 9738240991
E-Mail id: kbklawpoint@gmail.com
Contact No: 9738240991

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule mentioned property from its owner **Sri. N. RAJASHEKAR REDDY, aged about 54 years, S/o. Late. Sri. B.V. NANJA REDDY, r/at. No.2, Venkateshwara Nilaya, 1st Main, Near Government School, Kadubisanahalli, Panthur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk - 560103** (AADHAR No. XXXX XXXX 7071). The owner has represented that the schedule property is free from all encumbrances. Be it known, that if any person/s having any objections in respect of the schedule property they shall lodge their claim/objections with documentary proof to the undersigned within **15 (fifteen)** days from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of receipt of any legally, valid claim/objections within the aforesaid period, my client will proceed with the purchase of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable **Property bearing Site No. 146/36/1, E-katha No. 1165636953, (Old Katha No. 36/1), measuring East to West: 160 feet, North to South: 25/48.8 X 7.6 feet, in all measuring 371.6 meters or 4000 square feet,** situated at **HENNUR.** BBMP North, New Ward No.24 HBR Layout, Bangalore-560043 and bounded on:

EAST BY: Property belongs to Mr. A Francis, **WEST BY:** Henuur Road, **NORTH BY:** Private Property & Road, **SOUTH BY:** Private Property.

K. MOHAN, Advocate
No. 64, 4th Cross, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 038.
Mobile. No. 9845234925

NOTICE

With effect from 20th Jan 2026 all business activities of our MSME HOSUR Branch (Asirvad Microfinance Limited, No.934/2A1B, 1st Floor, Ward E, Block 15, Rayakottai Road , Opposite to Srinivas Theatre, Hosur-635109 . Ph:- 9360963768) will be shifted to our CHANDAPURA MFI New Branch (Asirvad Microfinance Limited , No. 94 Bhagyamma Building , Sukanya Reddy Layout , opp Manjunatha Electricals, Near Bajaj Showroom, Cnandapura Circle, Anekal Taluk . Bangalore-560099) for our operational convenience. Customers may kindly note the change and are requested to approach us at the above-mentioned address only for all further transactions and requirements after the said date.

Call: 9360963768/9345960622

Asirvad Micro Finance Ltd.
(Subsidiary of Manappuram Finance Limited)

Registered Office,Ceebros Manjula, 3rd Floor, Office No-1, New No - 39, Old No - 45, Montieth Road,Egmore, Opp. Indian Red Cross Society,Chennai-600008, Tamil Nadu, India.

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With effect from 20th Jan 2026 all business activities of our MSME CHANNARAYAPATNA Branch (Asirvad Microfinance Limited , 1st Floor , Ward No 02 , Raja-E-Gareeb Complex , Near New KSRTC Bus stand , HDFC Bank Opposite , B M Road Channarayapatna , Pin: 573116 , Hassan District , Karnataka . Ph:- 8088589829) will be shifted to our CHANNARAYAPATNA MFI New Branch (Asirvad Microfinance Limited , Udayagiri Badavane, Behind Puttananjamma Kalyanamantapa , Channarayapattana-573116) for our operational convenience. Customers may kindly note the change and are requested to approach us at the above-mentioned address only for all further transactions

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Name & address of the Borrowers : 1. Mr. Vellankal Sukumaran (Legal heir of the deceased borrower V.S.Sudha), Vellankal Veedu, Anickadu Post Anikkad, Kottayam, Kerala-686503. **2. Mrs.Lalithamma,** (Legal heir of the deceased borrower V.S.Sudha) Vellankal Veedu, nickadu Post Anikkad, Kottayam, Kerala-686503.

Date of NPA : 01.04.2015 **Date of Demand notice : 09.06.2016**

Dues claimed in Demand Notice : Rs. 47,63,173.50 (Rupees forty seven lakhs sixty three thousand one hundred seventy three and fifty paise only) further interest at contractual rates and rests **as on 09.06.2016**

Date of Possession Notice : 24.08.2016

Dues claimed in Possession Notice : Rs. 48,44,020.50 as on 23.08.2016 with further interest and costs less repayment, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 17.10.2025 is Rs.1,08,21,287/- (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Seven Only) with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full.

*Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.) : Not known

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule Of Secured Assets / Description Of The Immovable Properties / Schedule A Property : All that piece and parcel of Residential Building consist of Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor bearing Site No.26, Sy No.105/5, Municipal No.105/5/26, BBMP Katha No.40/39/37/39/105/5/26, CMC katha No.37, 6th cross, Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560068. Measurement : East to West 20 Ft: North to South-28 Ft. Total Extent of the Site - 560 Sq.Ft. Constructed Area : GF-500 SqFt, FF-500 SqFt, SF - 500 Sq.Ft. Total Constructed Area - 1500 Sq.Ft. **Bounded By : East -** Property belonging to Ramakrishnappa, **West -** Road, **North -** Temple, **South -** Portion of South Side Site No.26. **This property is owned by Late V S Sudha**

Reserve Price : Rs. 55,17,000 (FMV) **EMD : Rs. 5,51,700/-**

Bid Increase Amt : Rs. 50,000 **Auto extension time: 10 minutes**

Date & Time of Auction : 07.11.2025, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Inspection Date & Time : During office hours from 10:00AM till 05:00 PM, from 23.10.2025 to 03.11.2025

Known Encumbrance if any : NIL *Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues

For terms and conditions please visit : **https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx https://www.publishtenders.gov.in https://baanknet.com/bidder-registration (web portal of e-auction Service provider)**

Date : 21.10.2025 **Sd/-**
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Syndicate

Canara Bank, ARM Branch - II
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencers Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru, Ph: 080-25310181
E-Mail – cb6298@Canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]

[Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas the authorized Officer of the Canara Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **14.08.2025** calling upon the Borrowers : **1) M/s. Balaji Fashions,** A partnership Firm Rep By: i) Ajay Agarwal, ii) Neha Agarwal, Registered Office at: #202, New Bel Road, Opp: HP Petrol Bunk, Bangalore-560094, **2) Mr.Ajay Agarwal** (Partner), S/o. OM Prakash Agarwal, Resd at # C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560069, **3) Mrs.Neha Agarwal** (Partner), W/o.Ajay Agarwal, Resd at # C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560069, **4) Mrs.Neha Agarwal** (Mortgagor), W/o.Ajay Agarwal, Resd at # C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560069, **5) Mr.Ajay Agarwal** (Guarantor), S/o. OM Prakash Agarwal, Resd at # C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560069, **6) Mrs. Neha Agarwal** (Guarantor), W/o.Ajay Agarwal, Resd at # C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560069 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.3,96,21,916.24/- (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Six Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen Rupees and Twenty Four Paise only)** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **21st day of October, 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank ARM -II Branch for an amount of **Rs.4,08,34,711.24/-(Four Crores Eight Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Seven hundred and Eleven Rupees and Twenty Four Paise Only) as on 21.10.2025** plus, interest and other charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets

Flat - DETAILS OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY: I-SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Two Apartment Units/Flats bearing No.E -10 and E -13 having a super built up area of 465.48 square feet and 478.12 square feet respectively with an un-divided share of 143.947 sq ft and 147.812 Sft respectively constructed on residentially converted land in Sy No 47/1 and Sy No 48 totally measuring 15790Sft(11+3.08 guntas) situated at Doddathoguru Village,Begur Hobli,Bangalore South Taluk and entire land **bounded on the: East by:** Property belonging to Raghavendra Naik, **West by:** Remaining portion of Land in Sy. No 47/1 and Sy No.48, **North by:** Property belonging to Sri.Yella Reddy & **South by:** Property belonging to Tamma Reddy and Others.

II-SCHEDULE B PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Two Apartment Units/Flats bearing No E -14 and E- 15 having a super built up area of 465.48 square feet each with an un-divided share of 143.947 sq ft each constructed on residentially converted land in Sy no 47/1 and Sy no 48 total measuring 15790 sft(11+3.08 guntas)situated at Doddathoguru village,Begur Hobli,Bangalore south taluk and Entire land **bounded on the: East by:** Property belonging to Raghavendra Naik, **West by:** Remaining portion of Land in Sy. No 47/1 and Sy No.48, **North by:** Property belonging to Sri.Yella Reddy & **South by:** Property belonging to Tamma Reddy and Others.

III-SCHEDULE C PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Three Apartment Units/Flats bearing No.C-01,C-02,and D-13 having a super built up area of 478.12,square feet ,465.48 square feet and 478.12 square feet respectively with an un-divided share of 147.812 sq ft,143.947 sq ft and 147.812 sq ft respectively constructed on residentially converted land in Sy no 47/1 and Sy No 48 totally measuring 15790Sft(11+3.08 guntas) situated at Doddathoguru Village ,Begur Hobli,Bangalore South taluk and Entire land **bounded on the: East by:** Property belonging to Raghavendra Naik, **West by:** Remaining portion of Land in Sy. No 47/1 and Sy No.48, **North by:** Property belonging to Sri.Yella Reddy & **South by:** Property belonging to Tamma Reddy and Others.

Name of the Title Holder : Mrs.Neha Agarwal

Place : Bengaluru **(Sd/-),**
Date : 21.10.2025 **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
Mangalore Division, Mangalore

No.KST/MNG/TR/COM/1787/2025-26 Dt: 20.10.2025.

E-TENDER/NEGOTIATION NOTIFICATION NO-05/2025-26
(Through e-Procurement/Manual Negotiation only)

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Mangaluru Division, invites e-Tender and Negotiation for the selection of Licensee for commercial stalls, Two Wheeler/Car parking, at Bus Station of Mangalore, Kundapura, Udupi City & Dr.V.S. Acharya Bannanje Udupi Bus Stations & Refreshment Room(Veg/Nonveg) at Mangalore-3rd Jnnurm depot for a period of 3/5/10 years through e-procurement and Manual Negotiation.

Also Negotiation applications are invited for the Selection of Licensee for Second Floor at Dr. V.S. Acharya Bus Station Bannanje, Udupi through Manual Negotiation for a period of 10 Years.

E-Tender documents can be downloaded from e-procurement website **https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or before 10-11-2025 at 16.00Hrs. Negotiation application will be available in this office during Office hours upto 13.11.2025 at 10:30 hrs.

For more details visit Divisional Office, K.S.R.T.C Mangaluru Division-575004 during office hours.

: Contact Details:

Divisional Traffic Officer-7760990702

Assistant Traffic Manager-7760990711

Sd/-
Senior Divisional Controller
KSRTC, Mangaluru Division

DIPR/CP/3382/AKAR/2025-26

A 26-year-old woman from Tenkasi district died by suicide on Tuesday after a 'social media friend' used her purported personal videos and photos to blackmail and sexually abuse her. A few locals who got access to the videos also started harassing her, forcing her to end life

Red alert issued for 8 TN dists amid heavy rain

Low-pressure area over Bay of Bengal may intensify into depression, fishermen asked not to venture out into sea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) on Tuesday issued a red alert for eight Tamil Nadu districts as a well-marked low-pressure area over the southwest Bay of Bengal triggered widespread rainfall.

The red alert covers Villupuram, Cuddalore, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Tiruvallur, and Ramanathapuram, where extremely heavy rain of over 20 cm is likely on Wednesday. An orange alert has been sounded for Chennai, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, and several other districts, forecasting heavy to very heavy rain in the next 48 hours. The system is expected to intensify into a depression by Wednesday afternoon and move towards the north Tamil Nadu–south Andhra Pradesh coast. RMC officials said the circulation extends up to 7.6 km above mean sea level, bringing intense spells with thunder and lightning.

A flooded area in Thoothukudi after heavy rain| V KARTHIKALAGU

Red alert in Idukki, Palakkad, Malappuram
IMD issued a red alert for Idukki, Palakkad and Malappuram on Wednesday, anticipating heavy rainfall. An orange alert has been declared for Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Kozhikode and Wayanad, while a yellow alert for Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kannur, Kasaragod.

RMC Director B Amudha said another low-pressure area over the southeast Arabian Sea is sustaining monsoon activity on both coasts. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea till October 25.

Heavy rain lashed parts of Tamil Nadu since Monday night, with Thangachimadam in Ramanathapuram recording 17 cm, followed by Pamban (15 cm) and Mandapam (14 cm). The IMD warned that the rain belt will shift northwards towards Chennai, Villupuram, and Cuddalore by Thursday before easing over the weekend. Fishermen have been strongly advised not to venture into the southwest and west-central Bay of Bengal due to squally winds and rough sea conditions.

POST DEEPAVALI

Despite rain, Chennai records 'very poor' air

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA
@ Chennai

THOUGH widespread showers due to northeast monsoon helped disperse pollutants on Deepavali day, air quality in parts of Chennai turned 'very poor' on Monday, according to data released by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB).

The TNPCB surveyed 39 air quality and 34 noise monitoring stations across the state. In Chennai, the Air Quality Index (AQI) on Deepavali day (measured from 6am on October 20 to 6am on October 21) ranged from 190 (Moderate) in Besant Nagar to 332 (Very Poor) in Valasaravakkam, according to the board's manual monitoring data. Nungambakkam has also recorded AQI of 326, falling in the very poor category.

Other central and suburban zones such as T Nagar, Tiruvottiyur, Triplicane and Sowcarpet also saw spikes and recorded 'poor' AQI, breaching the national ambient standards. The elevated levels were largely attributed to the short but intense firecracker window between 6-7 am and 7-8 pm, coupled with low wind speeds overnight.

"Rain-induced washout helped to limit the spike, particularly over coastal and northern parts of Chennai," a senior IMD official said. "Without precipitation, PM2.5 levels would have easily crossed the hazardous levels," the official said.

Outside Chennai, AQI levels showed a mixed trend.Noise monitoring data, collected between 6pm and midnight on Deepavali day, also showed widespread exceedances of national noise standards. In Chennai, Besant Nagar recorded the lowest noise level at 62.8 dB(A), while Tiruvottiyur topped the chart at 88.4 dB(A), well above the 55 dB(A) residential limit. In districts, the peak levels ranged from 80 to 90 dB(A) in residential and mixed zones.

Hyderabad's air pollution rises 86% on Deepavali

Hyderabad: Hyderabad witnessed an 86% spike in fine particulate matter (PM2.5) levels on Deepavali day compared to normal conditions, according to the Telangana Pollution Control Board. However, despite the surge, the city's air quality was relatively better than last year's festival readings. Noise levels across the city also spiked as crackers were set off well into the night. Continuous monitoring at eight stations showed that industrial zones registered a rise of 3.1 decibels (dB) in the day and 6.2 dB at night. Commercial areas saw increases of 2.5 dB and 3.9 dB, while residential zones recorded day-night increases of 1.6 dB and 3.7 dB, and 1.1 dB and 4 dB, respectively.

ISRO to launch 6.5-T BlueBird-6 satellite

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

ONE of the heaviest commercial satellites, BlueBird-6, weighing 6.5 tonnes, arrived in India from the United States on October 19. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre on its LVM3 rocket, though the launch date is yet to be confirmed.

The mission, led by AST SpaceMobile, a Texas-based telecom company, is scheduled for launch between November 2025 and the first quarter of 2026. The company aims to provide direct-to-device mobile broadband connectivity, bridging the digital divide in regions with poor terrestrial networks.

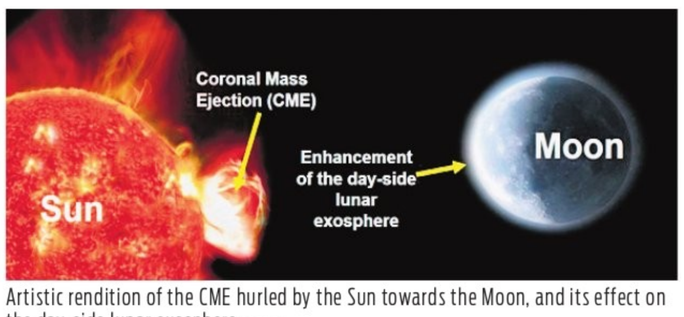
The satellite was transported onboard the Antonov, the world's largest cargo aircraft, originally built in Ukraine. It was flown to Chennai and later transported by road to Sriharikota for integration, fuelling, and pre-launch checks.

Experts said the next-generation communication satellite will be launched on India's most powerful rocket, marking a key milestone for ISRO's commercial operations. The launch is being handled by NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), ISRO's commercial arm, which earns revenue for the government through international launch contracts.

AST SpaceMobile plans to deploy a series of satellites in the coming months, with BlueBird-7 to BlueBird-16 in various stages of production and launches scheduled every 1–2 months between 2025 and 2026. Each satellite is capable of delivering up to 10,000 MHz of bandwidth, the company said.

Chandrayaan-2 records moon's first response to solar storm

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru



Artistic rendition of the CME hurled by the Sun towards the Moon, and its effect on the day-side lunar exosphere | ISRO

THE Chandrayaan-2, during its lunar orbit, made a rare observation of the impact of the Sun's Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) on the moon's surface. This first-ever observation was captured by Chandra's Atmospheric Composition Explorer-2 (CHACE-2).

Researchers from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) noted that the increased quantity of the Sun's coronal mass emission had impacted the moon. It had knocked off the atoms from the lunar surface. Thus, liberating them to the lunar exosphere, which manifested as the enhancement of the total pressure in the sunlit lunar exosphere.

The moon has a very thin atmosphere called the exosphere. The gas atoms and molecules rarely interact despite their existence. The exosphere of the moon involves the interaction of the solar radiation, solar wind and the impact of meteorites with the moon's surface. The exosphere is highly sensitive to small variations that are responsible for its creation, and one such is the CME.

The ISRO team also explained that the CMEs are events that occur when the Sun releases significant quantities of its building material, mostly comprising helium and hydrogen ions. These effects are significant on the moon, which has no magnetic field.

"On May 10, 2024, a series of CMEs were hurled from the Sun. The observations from CHACE-2 also showed an increase in the total pressure of the day-side lunar exosphere when the CME impacted the moon. The total number density also showed an increase by more than an order of magnitude," the researchers noted. CHACE-2 onboard Chandrayaan-2 observed such an effect for the first time.

This observation will provide scientific insights into understanding the lunar exosphere and the space weather effects on the moon, the ISRO team noted and added that the episode also indicated the challenges of building scientific bases on the moon.

Probe ordered into alleged custodial torture at Kollapur

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has directed the Superintendent of Police, Nagarkurnool, to conduct a detailed inquiry into the alleged custodial assault of a complainant by Kollapur police personnel and to produce CCTV footage from the police station recorded between 11 am and 3 pm on September 17. Justice NV Shravan Kumar issued the direction while hearing a writ petition filed by Chirumani Balaraju, who alleged that he was illegally detained and assaulted when he went to lodge a complaint. The court adjourned the matter to November 6. Balaraju said one Goda Kurmayya had dumped gravel on his land, and when he objected, Kurmayya's relatives assaulted him. On September 17, when he approached Kollapur police, they allegedly beat him with leather belts.

AN ARTISTIC RENDITION

An artist paints idols of Radha Krishna at Nagole, Telangana on Tuesday | VINAY MADAPU

EXPRESS READ

Murmu lands in Kerala, to visit Sabarimala today

T'PURAM: PRESIDENT Droupadi Murmu aarived in Thiruvananthapuram for a four-day visit on Tuesday. She she was received by Governor Rajendra Arlekar, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Union Minister George Kurian. She will visit the Sabarimala temple on Wednesday. Sabarimala has turned into a high-security zone with restrictions in place for devotees and media, with entry from Pampa to Sannidhanam limited only to Travancore Devaswom Board staff, authorised officials and those permitted by the National Security Guard.

HC expands probe into Sabari gold case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE Kerala High Court on Tuesday directed the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to thoroughly investigate the aspect of criminal conspiracy in the Sabarimala gold scam, observing that the chain of events commencing in 2019 and the subsequent entrustment of the Dwarapalaka idols to Unnikrishnan Potti appeared to be part of a larger and well-orchestrated scheme.

The court also referred to a letter dated August 21, 2025, from the Thiruvabharanam Commissioner, citing directions from the President of the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) to expedite the gold-plating work proposed by the sponsor.

A Division Bench, comprising Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V and Justice K V Jayakumar, held that the investigation should extend to uncovering the larger conspiracy, identifying TDB officials who may have colluded to conceal the misappropriation of gold from the gold-cladded plates, and determining whether the entrustment of the Dwarapalaka idols in 2025 formed part of a broader scheme to suppress the pilferage that occurred in 2019.

The Bench directed the SIT to examine every facet of the matter and ascertain the role and complicity, if any, of each TDB officer, from the highest echelons downward. "The higher officials of the Board cannot absolve themselves of responsibility or shift the blame onto subordinate officers, for each of them bore a collective duty to ensure that the sacred valuables of the deity were neither pilfered nor wasted," observed the court. The Bench further noted that it may not be appropriate to pass additional orders in the matter, as some of the prospective accused had been impleaded as additional respondents during the proceedings. Hence, it directed the High Court registry to register a suo motu writ petition in the matter, making the state government, the principal secretary (revenue department), the secretary of the TDB, the chief vigilance and security officer (superintendent of police), the state police chief, and the state audit department as respondents. In view of the grave nature of the offences involved, the court directed the SIT to forthwith seize the minutes book of the TDB and keep it in safe custody. Copies of the minutes book shall also be forwarded to the registrar general, who shall ensure that they are kept sealed and secured.

The court decided to conduct all proceedings in camera, excluding the public and lawyers concerned. The registrar has issued a notice stating that all further proceedings in the case will be conducted in camera. The court interacted with the officers heading the SIT, who were present in the court on Tuesday, also in camera.

Kids fall ill after consuming iron tablets in Kerala

ENS @ Kollam

Around six students of Class VIII at Milad-e-Sherif HSS, Mynagappally, suffered dizziness and vomiting on Tuesday after reportedly consuming extra dose of iron tablets provided by the school authorities.

All the affected students are currently admitted to different hospitals in Kollam. They were initially taken to Sasthamcotta Taluk Hospital. Later, four of them were shifted to a private hospital in Sasthamcotta, while two others were referred to the District Hospital, Kollam.

Muhammed Hadiv of Class VIII-A, Muhammed N of Class VIII-B, Muhammed Yassin of Class VIII-B, and Muhammed Shah of Class VIII-D are undergoing treatment at the private hospital. While Al Sabith and Al Saffu of Class VIII-B are admitted to the District Hospital. Health officials said the condition of the children is stable.

TTD gets ₹918.6cr donations in 2025

B MURALI @ Tirumala

TIRUMALA Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), the governing body of the revered Lord Venkateswara temple, has reported an unprecedented surge in donations for the year 2025, marking a significant recovery in its financial landscape post-COVID-19.

From November 2024 to October 16, 2025, TTD amassed a staggering Rs 918.6 crore in total donations, with devotees embracing both traditional and digital contribution methods.

This remarkable achievement has been attributed to the unwavering faith of devotees and the administration's efforts to enhance facilities and streamline darshan experiences, as highlighted by TTD Chairman BR Naidu and Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal.

The iconic Hundi collections, a cornerstone of TTD's revenue, have seen a dramatic rise. From an average of Rs 2.78 crore per day pre-COVID, the daily Hundi collection soared to Rs 3.92 crore in 2025, reflecting growing devotee participation.

Despite this upswing, TTD faced budgetary deficits of Rs 30 crore last year and Rs 70 crore the year prior, as revealed in annual budget reports. These shortfalls prompted detailed briefings to Chairman Naidu and EO Singhal, who, in private discussions, acknowledged the need to address the deficit while capitalizing on the surge in donations.

The lion's share of this year's donations came through the Anna Prasadam Scheme, contributing Rs 338.8 crore, followed by the Srivani Donation Darshan Scheme with Rs 252.83 crore. Other notable contributions included Rs 97.98 crore for the Balaji Arogya Vara Prasadini Scheme, Rs 66.53 crore for SV Prana Danam, Rs 56.77 crore for SV Go Samrakshana, Rs 33.77 crore for SV Vidya Danam, Rs 30.22 crore for BIRRD Hospital, Rs 20.46 crore for SV Sarva Sreya Trust, Rs 13.87 crore for SV Veda Parirakshana, Rs 6.29 crore for TTD's media arm SVBC Trust, and Rs 1.52 crore for SVIMS Hospital.

A significant trend this year is the adoption of digital payments, with Rs 579 crore—over 63% of total donations—received through online transactions, aligning with the Government of India's push for digitalization. The remaining Rs 339 crore was collected offline, primarily through demand drafts and cheques handed over to Chairman Naidu and Additional EO Venkaiah Choudhary during devotees' visits to Tirumala. Devotees have donated infrastructure, technical equipment, and software, as well as participating in construction projects through part-payments. This support underscores the deep devotion to Lord Venkateswara.

PRICE RISE NO DETERRENT

Kerala temples keep glittering with gold offerings

RAJESH RAVI @Kochi

EVEN as gold prices surge to record highs, Kerala's temples continue to glitter with the devotion of their followers. Offerings of gold and silver pour in undeterred.

At the famed Guruvayur Sree Krishna Temple, devotees drop precious metals into the hundi (offering box) in astonishing quantities — around 20 to 25 kg of gold and 120 to 150 kg of silver every year. The October 2025 collection alone yielded 2.58 kg of gold and 9.31 kg of silver. The Sabarimala hill shrine, which opens only for three months during the pilgrimage season, receives nearly 15 kg of gold during that short period. Across the state, more than 3,000 temples receive offerings of precious metals in various forms — from ornaments and coins to idols and ritual items.

Global gold rates have surged over the past few months, driven by factors including geopolitical tensions. In Kerala, the price of 22K gold (916 purity) has seen a significant increase. As of March 29, a sovereign of 22K gold was valued at ₹50,400. By October 21, the price rose to ₹95,760.

According to industry body World Gold Council, Kerala significantly contributes to India's gold demand -- 25-28% of 600-800 tonnes annual consumption. The report also mentions that based on estimates, temples in India may hold 2,000-4,000 tonnes of gold, with 1,000 tonnes potentially accumulated before 1968.

This suggests 1,000-3,000 tonnes were donated by private individuals. Guruvayur Devaswom chairman V K Vijayan said most of the gold received by the temple is in the form of jewellery and other items. "The majority of the gold we receive falls under the miscellaneous category. We deposit it with the SBI Mumbai branch, where it is converted into gold bars, and we earn around 2-2.5 % interest on the value of the deposited gold," he explained.

Regarding silver, Vijayan said it was previously stored in strong rooms without being monetised. "We recently deposited around 5 tonnes of silver with the SBI Hyderabad branch, where it was converted into bars. We're awaiting approval from the authorities to auction it through the bank," he said.

A prominent jeweller noted that many smaller temples, not under the devaswoms, also receive gold donations in the form of 'thali' (mangalsutra) and 'aalroopam' (miniature representations of human body parts).

"Except for coins, most of the gold offered is in compound form and needs to be melted and purified to 24K to ascertain its exact value," he said. According to a report by the IIM-Ahmedabad India Gold Policy Centre (IGPC), public attention towards temple wealth intensified after a 2009 PIL revealed the vast riches of the Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram. The subsequent launch of the Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) in 2015 renewed focus on how temples across India could contribute to formal gold reserves. According to the Guruvayur temple's last audit report (2020–21), 834 kg of gold have been deposited with the State Bank of India under the GMS, earning an annual interest of about ₹5.4 crore.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 [read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below .

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Guarantor/s and Mortgagor/s	Short Description of The Immovable Property With Known Encumbrances, If Any (owner/mortgator Name)	A. Branch Name B. Account Number C. Total Dues	Date & Time of e-Auction	A.Reserve Price, B. EMD Amount C. Bid Increase Amount D. Status of Possession	Property Inspection Date (With Prior Permission From Authorised Officer)
1	**(1) Rohit Chilukuri, (2) Chilukuri Gopirani W/o Prasad Naidu Both are residing At:** No 3165 Main Road J Panguluru Mandal Janakavaram Panguluru Prakasam Andhra Pradesh 523261.	Residential Apartment Known As Vandana Alpyne Apartment Flat No.B-004. Ground Floor. Block-B, Situated At Yelakunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. With SBA 1725.00, Carpet Area 1207.50 S.ft, UDS 709.27 S.ft And Bounded By: East: Flat No.B-003, West: Road, North: Corridor And Flat No B-005, South: Private Property **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.JAYANAGAR B.72710600001146 72710600001149 C.RS.2,03,80,409.77 as on 11.10.2025 with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.1,51,80,000/- B.RS.15,18,000/- C.RS.1,00,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
2	**Sunil Enterprises** Prop: Mr Sunil C C Having Reg Address At No 10/2-38,1st Cross, Rudrappa Garden,mysore Road, Kasturiba Nagar, Government Electric Factory, Bengaluru-560026. **Sunil C C** Residing At Chandrappa C H 253 A Gowdanapalya Padmanabhnagar Bangalore 560061 **Mr. Basavaraj R (Guarantor)** No. 252/A,1st Cross Doddagowdanpalya, Subramaniyapura, Post Uttarahalli, Near Ragavendra Service Station, Bengaluru- 560061.	Equitable Mortgage Of All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Bearing Site No. 22 Old Assessment No. 56, Present Assessment No. 56/1 Bbmp Khata No. 56/56/1/22 Situated In Manjunath Nagar Ankappa Layout Chikkallasandra Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bengaluru Karnataka-560061 Measuring East To West: 40 Feet, And North To South: 40 Feet, Measuring Total 1600 Sq Feet And Bounded On: East By : Site No. 16, West By : 20 Feet Road North By : Site No. 21,south By : Site No. 23 **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.BANASHANKARI B.27710400000184 27710600004177 C.RS.52,27,904.06 as on 11.10.2025 with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.1,44,00,000/- B.RS.14,40,000/- C.RS.2,00,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
3	**Adobe Enterprises** Having Reg Address At No 242 PFC Konanakunte Cross, 24th Floor, 2nd Building Bangalore 560062 **Swetha Ganesh** Residing At No 242 PFC Konanakunte Cross 24th Floor 2nd Building Bangalore 560062.	Equitable Mortgage of all that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Converted Sy No.28, New Sy No.28/1,old BBMP Khata No. 77/28/1-1(converted Vide Official Memorandum Order No. Aln(su) Sr. 66/06-07, Dated 23.01.2008 Issued By Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Dist Situated At Thippasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.BANASHANKARI B.27710400000185 C. RS.54,31,043.45 as on 11.10.2025 and with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.Rs.2,91,60,000/- B.Rs.29,16,000/- C.Rs.5,00,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
4	**Nagaraj N Reddy** S/o Narayana Reddy Bindu N Reddy Both Residing At No 5 Ramanayakanahalli Gunjur Post Via Varthur Bangalore 560087 **Narayanappa H K** S/o Kalappa (guarantor) Residing At Heggondahally Gunjur Post Via Varthur Bangalore 560087	All That Part And Parcel Of The Property Bearing # Janjur # 23/14, Property# 14, E-khatha # 150200101600400023, Measuring East To West 21.9456 Mts And North To South 30.48 Mts, Located Within The Gramatana Limits Of Ramanayakana Hally Village, Within The Administrative Jurisdiction Of Neriga Village Panchayath, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Tq, Bangalore Urban District And Bounded On :on The North By : Property Of Venkatappa And Sons On The South By : Government Road On The East By : House Of Venkata Reddy. R.s On The West By : Property Of Kondamma And Sons **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.GUNJUR B.74160600000926 C. RS.32,69,334.55 as on 11.10.2025 and with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.2,28,38,400/- B.RS.22,83,840/- C.RS.5,00,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
5	**Punam Deb And Vishwanath K S** Both Residing At 365 G Ramareddy Bldg Near Syndicate Bank Govindshetty Palya Electronic City Bangalore 560100	Equitable Mortgage of the property bearing residential Flat No. Eg-110, Chandapura Village Panchayath, Old Khata No. 179/eg-110, 'e' Property No 150200100600700382, Ground Floor With A Super Built Up Area Of 440 Sqft, In E Block, Along With The Right To Use Common Areas In The Building Known As 'ittina Neela' Along With 132 Sqft, Of Undivided Share In The Converted Land Bearing Sy. Nos. 46,47,48 And 5/3, Situated At Andhapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Measuring In All 8 Acres 27 Guntas Owned By Mrs. Punam Deb And Mr. Vishwanath K S And Bounded On The: East By: Land Bearing Sy. No. 46 & 5/4 West By: Land Bearing Sy. No. 49 & 5/1 North By: Land Bearing Sy. No. 5/2, 5/4 & 5/5 South By: Land Bearing Sy. No. 45. **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.SINGENAAGRAHARA B.29360600002708 29360400001868 C.RS.27,10,187.39 as on 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.14,88,000/- B.RS.1,48,800/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
6	**Channamma** Residing At No 1 1st Main 10th Cross Mudalapalya Kalyan Nagar Bangalore North 560072	All That The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Site No. 240/40, Old Assessment Sy No. 42, New Assessment New Sy. No. 107/ 1a1, Khata No. 369116 Measuring 1 Acres 10 Guntas, Situated At Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East To West: 15 Feet North To South: 40 Feet, Totally Measuring 600 Sq. Ft., And Bounded On East By: Remaining Eastern Portion Of Site No. 240/40,west By : Site No. 41,north By: Road And South By : Private Property **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.RAJARAJESHWARINAGAR B.41060600001758 41060600001749 C.RS.48,87,634.47 As On 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.56,25,000/- B.RS.5,62,500/- C.RS.50,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
7	**Sowbhagya V** Residing At No 7 Near Sent Meera School Chikakgollarahatt Lakshmipura 562123	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing site no. 240/14, (northern portion) admeasuring 600 sq.ft [carved out of 240/14 total site measuring 1800 sq. Ft.] in 1 acres 10 guntas of land, present assessment no. 107/1a1, old assessment no. 42, cmc rajarajeshwari khatha no. 369116, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yashavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp, Measuring East To West 40 Feet North To South 15 Feet Totally Measuring 600 Square Feet., And Bounded On East By: Remaining Portion Of Site No. 14 West By : Road, North By: Site No. 13 South By : Remaining Portion Of Site No. 14 **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.RAJARAJESHWARINAGAR B.41060600001572 72710600001816 C.RS.47,27,499.80 AS ON 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.56,25,000/- B.RS.5,62,500/- C.RS.50,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
8	**Kiran Kumar N** Residing At 47 1 Santhosh Nilaya Srinivas Reddy Layout Opp Nandi Gardens Avalahalli Anjanapura Bangalore 560062	All that piece and parcel of the residential flat bearing no: g30 in ground floor of lotus block in residential apartment known as "eden blossoms", consisting of two bed rooms, a kitchen, dining and living room, balconies and utility area measuring 1110 sq. Ft. Of super built-up area with one covered car parking space in the stilt floor together with common areas bounded by east by : lift & staircase west by : flat no g24 north by : entrance and corridor south by : open space **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.JAYANAGAR B.7640600005030 07640600005037 C.RS.61,54,124.91 as on 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.51,54,000/- B.RS.5,15,400/- C.RS.25,000/- D. PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
9	**Suhas K S,** Is An Nri Residing At Block5 502 242 Al Qusais Ind First Premise Number 242033555 Dubai Uae 498950, Permananent Address Is Kondiyara House, Karayamuttam, Valappad, Karayamvattam, Thrissur, Chavakkad, Kerala - 680567 **Anugrah K S (Guarantor)** Residing At Kondiyara House, Karayamuttam, Valappad, Karayamvattam, Thrissur, Chavakkad, Kerala - 680567	Flat Bearing No G-106 On The First Floor Of G Tower With Super Builtup Area 113.80 Sq Mtr And Undivided Share Of 42.27 Sq Mtr In Building Known As Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District Karnataka 571606 Bounded By East : Flat No G-101 West :flat No G-105 North :open Space South : Open Space **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.BTM LAYOUT B.29600600003703 29600600003717 C.RS.90,75,435.14 as on 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.57,33,000/- B.RS.5,73,300/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
10	**Suhas K S** Is An Nri Residing At Block, 5 502 242 Al Qusais Ind First Premise Number 242033555 Dubai UAE 498950 Permananent Address Is Kondiyara House, Karayamuttam, Valappad, Karayamvattam, Thrissur, Chavakkad, Kerala - 680567 **Anugrah K S (Guarantor)** Residing At Kondiyara House,Karayamuttam, Valappad, Karayamvattam, Thrissur, Chavakkad, Kerala - 680567	Flat Bearing No G-103 On The First Floor Of G Tower With With Super Builtup Area 113.80 Sq Mtr And Undivided Share Of 42.27 Sq Mtr In Building Known As Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District Karnataka 571606 Bounded By East : Flat No G-101 West : Flat No G-105 North : Open Space South : Open Space **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.BTM LAYOUT B.29600600003704 29600600003718 C.RS.90,76,519.58 as on 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.57,33,000/- B.RS.5,73,300/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
11	**Eliswa Sebastine** Is An Nri Residing At Building Flat No 204 318- 6a Alkarama Street Dm 53 Premise No 318136740, Po Box 1, Dubai UAE. Permament Address At Thekkumpurathu House, M A Mathew Road, Palluruthy Ernakulam, Kerala 682006. **Byju Thomas (Guarantor)** Residing At No 2, Ground Floor, Annai Indra Nagar, Bharathi Treet, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu-600051	Villa No 103 On Ground Floor In Block No Vl 18,situated At Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District Karnataka 571606 Bounded By East : Vl 14-102 West : Vl 13-102 North : Open Space South : Vl 13-104 **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.SARAKKI B.74150600003507 74150600003505 C.RS.42,36,622.62 as on 11.10.2025 and with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.45,00,000/- B.RS.4,50,000/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
12	**Eliswa Sebastine** Is An Nri Residing At Building Flat No 204 318- 6a Alkarama Street Dm 53 Premise No 318136740, Po Box 1, Dubai Uae. Permament Address At Thekkumpurathu House, M A Mathew Road, Palluruthy Ernakulam, Kerala 682006 **Byju Thomas (Guarantor)** Residing At No 2, Ground Floor,annai Indra Nagar, Bharathi Treet, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu-600051	Villa No 103 On Ground Floor In Block No Vl 13,situated At Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District Karnataka 571606 Bounded By East : Vl 19 102 West : Vl 18 102 North: Open Space South : Vl 18 104 **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.SARAKKI B.74150600003506 74150600003508 C.RS.42,31,235.91 AS ON 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.45,00,000/- B.RS.4,50,000/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
13	**Siju M C,** Is An Nri Residing At Villa No-10, Street No-20, Abu Dhabi, Al Ain Al, Khabisi, P.o.box No-16108. Permanent Address Is At Moothedath House,chowallur, Kandanassery, Thrissur, Kerala - 680102. **Saran T S (Guarantor)** Residing At Therambath House Pannan Lane Cherur Po Thrissur Kerala 680008.	Flat No F-901 On 9 Th Floor Tower-f In Building Known As Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village Belagola Hobli Srirangapatna Taluk Mandya District Karnataka - 571606 With Super Build Up Area 1624 Sft Carpet Area 1217.8 Sft Uds Area Is 603.74 Sft And With One Car Parking And Bounded By East : Open Space West : Flat No-f906 North : Flat No-f-902 South : Open Space **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.GANDHIBAZAR B.89490600003594 89490600003589 C.RS.1,13,05,772.39 AS ON 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.57,33,000/- B.RS.5,73,300/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
14	**Bijesh Panthayil Thambi** Is An Nri Residing At Mr. Bijesh, Pt Aged 41 Years And An Nri, Presently Residing At Po Box No-16888,burjuman, Abu Dhabi, Uae Po Box-16888. Premanent Address Is At Panthayil, Kandanassery, Thrissur, Kerala - 680102. **Mrudula A C (Guarantor)** Residing At Panthayil, Kandanassery, Thrissur, Kerala - 680102.	Flat No G-403 On The Fourth Floor G-tower In Building Known As Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli Srirangapatna Taluk Mandya Dist Karnataka - 571606. The Super Built Up Area Of The Flat Is 1225 Sqft , Carpet Area Of The Flat Is 897.38 Sft And Uds Area Is 455.79 Sft And With One Car Parking And Bounded By East : Flat No. G-402 West :flat No. G-404 North :open Space South : Open Space **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.BTM LAYOUT IST STAGE B.89610600004216 89610600004230 C.RS.88,09,640.16 AS ON 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.57,33,000/- B.RS.5,73,300/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
15	**Sayana Saseendran** An Nri, Presently Residing At Block 5-502,242-al- Quasis Ind First,dubai, Uae. Permanaent Address Is At Attuveppil House, Padiyur Edathirinji Road, Edathirinji, Hrissur, Kerala - 680122. **Ajitha Kumari (Guarantor)** Residing At Attuveppil House, Adiyur Edathirinji Road, Edathirinji, Thrissur, Kerala - 680122	Flat No E-003 On The Ground Floor E-tower In Building Known As Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist, Karnataka - 571606. The Super Built Up Area Of The Flat Is 1240 Sqft , Carpet Area Of The Flat Is 910.85 Sft And Uds Area Is 460.85 Sft And With One Car Parking And Bounded By East : Open Space West :flat No. E - 006 North :flat No. E - 002 South : Flat No. E - 004 **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.BTM LAYOUT IST STAGE B.89610600004146 89610600004157 C.RS.87,02,335.55 AS ON 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.57,33,000/- B.RS.5,73,300/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
16	**Hishammohammed Aneefa Jubaira** Is An Nri Is Residing At Ra 3831-C-street, po Box -48636, dubai- UAE. Permanent Address Is At Shabnam Cottage, Chemmarathumukku Nagaroor , Thiruvananta puram Kerala 695601 **Khadeeja B S (Guarantor)** Residing At Shabnam Cottage,Chemmarathumukku Nagaroor Thiruvanantapuram Kerala 695601	Flat No F-104 On The First Floor F-tower In Building Known As Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist, Karnataka - 571606. Measuring 1225 Sq.feet Of Super Built Up Area And 897.38 Sq Ft Carpet Area, Uds-455.79 Sqft.and With One Car Parking And Bounded By East : Flat No F-103 West :open Space North :open Space South : Flat No F-105 **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.SARAKKI B.74150600003489 74150600003486 C..RS.84,38,868.72 AS ON 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.57,33,000/- B.RS.5,73,300/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
17	**Rajeev Anandan Pillai** Is And Nri Currently Residing At Flat No. 105,322-2c, Al-hudaiba Area, United Arab Emirates Dubai - P.o.box 564. Permanent Address S/o Anandan Pillai Residing At Muthirathara Nandanam K S Puram P O Karunagapally Kollam Kerala 690544. **Rajesh (Guarantor)** Residing At Muthurathara, Neelikulam, Kulasekharapuram Po, Kollam, Kerala - 690544	Flat No F-603 On The 6th Floor F -tower In Building Known As Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist Karnataka-571606. The Super Built Up Area Of The Flat Having Is 1225.00 Sft, Carpet Area Is 897.38 Sft And Uds Is 455.79 Sft And One Car Parking Space And Bounded By East : Flat No. F-602 West :flat No.f-604 North : Open Space South : Flat No. F-606 **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.SARAKKI B.74150600003138 74150600003141 C..RS.88,04,400.21 AS ON 11.10.2025 And With Further Interest Thereon At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.57,33,000/- B.RS.5,73,300/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
18	**Rashad** Is An Nri Residing At Flat No. 306, Khalid Building, Al-karama, United Arab Emirates Dubai - P.o.box 19867. Permanent Address Residing At Mamminikkanakath Rahma Manzil Poylisserry B P Angadi Talakkad Malapuram Kerala 676102. **Hassnul Banna (Guarantor)** Residing At The Mamminikkanakath Rahma Manzil, B P Angadi Taluk, Malappura, Kerala - 676102	Flat No G-503 On The 5th Floor G -tower In Building Known As Zuari Garden City Situated At Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist Karnataka-571606. The Super Built Up Area Of The Flat Having Is 1225.00 Sft, Carpet Area Is 897.38 Sft And Uds Is 455.79 Sft And One Car Parking Space And Bounded By East : Flat No. G-502 West :flat No.g-504 North : Open Space South : Flat No. G-506 **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.SARAKKI B.74150600003217 74150600003216 C..RS.91,32,329.25 as on 11.10.2025 and with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment.**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.57,33,000/- B.RS.5,73,300/- C.RS.25,000/- D. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
19	**Sreejith Manakulangara Sreekovil,** S Is An Nri Currently Residing At South/f1503, Ajmam - Rashideya 1, Ajman, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates Dubai - P.o.box 1234, Permanent Address : **Situated At Gangadharan Puthukudipoyil** Kurumannil, Manakulangara, Sreekovil, Viyur, Kollam, Kozhikode, Kerala - 673307 Ramya Sreejith Residing At Gangadharan Puthukudipoyil Kurumannil, Manakulangara Sreekovil, Viyur, Kollam, Kozhikode, Kerala - 673307	Flat No.f-803, 8th Floor, F -tower, 2bhk, Zuari Garden City-kaveri Apartments, Sy.no. 111/1A, 107/1,107/2, 106/1 And 106/2, Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya, Bangalore, Karnataka- 571606 The Super Built Up Area Of The Falt Having 2bhk Is 1225.00 Sft, Carpet Area Is 897.38 Sft And Uds Is 455.79 Sft And One Car Parking Space **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.SARAKKI B.74150600002932 74150600002931 C.RS.96,28,717.53 As On 19.10.2025 And With Further Interest Theron At The Contractual Rate Plus Costs Charges And Expenses Till Date Of Payment**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.51,59,700/- B.RS.5,15,970/- C.RS.25,000/- D. PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
20	**Sreejith Manakulangara Sreekovil,** S Is An Nri Currently Residing At South/f1503, Ajmam - Rashideya 1, Ajman, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates Dubai - P.o.box 1234, Permanent Address : **Situated At Gangadharan Puthukudipoyil** Kurumannil, Manakulangara, Sreekovil, Viyur, Kollam, Kozhikode, Kerala - 673307 Ramya Sreejith Residing At Gangadharan Puthukudipoyil Kurumannil, Manakulangara Sreekovil, Viyur, Kollam, Kozhikode, Kerala - 673307	Flat No.f-1006, 10th Floor, F-tower, 2bhk, Zuari Garden Citykaveri Apartments, Sy.no. 111/1a, 107/1, 107/2,106/1 And 106/2, Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya, Bangalore, Karnataka- 571606 The Super Built Up Area Of The Falt Having 2bhk Is 1225.00 Sft, Carpet Area Is 898.35 Sft And Uds Is 454.82 Sft And One Car Parking Space **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.SARAKKI B.74150600002933 74150600002934 C.RS.96,23,043.20 as on 19.10.2025 and with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.51,59,700/- B.RS.5,15,970/- C.RS.25,000/- D. PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
21	**Rajesh Kundathil** Is An Nri Currently Residing At Bld Q6, Flat No.204, International City France, Dubai - P.o Box-61649,Permanent Address Is At Kundathil House, Near Iverkulam, P O Mavilayi, Mundalur, Kannur,kerala - 670622 **Sreeja P** Is Residing At Kundathil House, Near Iverkulam, P O Mavilayi, Mundalur, Kannur, Kerala - 670622	Flat No.f-602, 6th Floor, F-tower, 3bhk, Zuari Garden City-kaveri Apartments, Sy.no.111/1a, 107/1,107/2,106/1 And 106/2, Hulikere Village, Belagola Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya, Bangalore, Karnataka- 571606. The Super Built Up Area Of The Flat Having 3bhk Is 1625.00 Sft, Carpet Area Is 1218.27 Sft And Uds Is 603.74 Sft And One Car Parking Space **Known Encumbrances : Nil**	**A.SARAKKI B.74150600002530 74150600002531 C.RS.1,02,38,401.40 as on 19.10.2025 and with further interest theron at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of paymenT**	**24.11.2025 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM**	**A.RS.68,44,500/- B.RS.6,84,450/- C.RS.25,000/- D. PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**AFTER 27.10.2025**
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For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal Baanknet.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25011710.

Date: 21.10.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda

Re E-Tender cum Re E-Auction Notification

Rehabilitation Plantations Limited, Punalur, Kerala invites Re e-tender cum Re e-auction from individuals/institutions for **slaughter tapping of 10862 nos of rubber trees at Kulathupuzha Estate** for felling and removal trees after tapping. For details, please log in to:

www.rplkerala.com/tender and www.etenders.keralagov.in

Ph: 0475-2222971, 72; e-mail: mdrplpunalur@gmail.com

Sd/-, Managing Director

RPL/F-7028/2025-26/1536 dated .09.10 .2025

D3/777/2025/I&PRD

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited

(A wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal only)

BESCOM invites tender through KPP Portal vide **Enquiry No.**BESCOM/2025-26/SE0348 for **"Providing Facility Management Services for RAPDRP Towns, IPDS Towns, Service Desk and Help Desk of BESCOM for 2 years."** Bid documents available from **27.10.2025, 5.00 PM (Onwards).** Last date for bid submission is **25.11.2025, 4.00 PM.** Opening of bid document is on **26.11.2025, 4.30 PM.** The Tender documents can be obtained through KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Aspiring bidders need to register on KPP Portal. Further, bidders can take assistance with KPP helpdesk contact numbers (**+91-80-46010000, +91-080-68948777**) or email at **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

Sd/- General Manager(ICT & MIS), BESCOM, Belaku Bahavana, 5th Floor, K.R.Circle, Bangalore-560 001.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 908/BGKT/SE(E)/AEE(C)Tr(P)/25-26/2852-60 & 2842-51

Date:18.10.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids for the following works.

(1) KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2865 for **Providing Area fencing to the KPTCL of proposed New 400kV S/S Yalawar (KIADB Mulawad).**

(2) KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2866. for **Conducting modern line survey for Construction of 220kV DC link on DC towers from existing 220kV Bagalkote sub-station to 220kV Bilagi for a distance of 50 Kms in Bilagi & Bagalkote Taluk, Bagalakote District.** The Bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging into (KPP) Portal website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 23.10.2025 at 5.30 P.M.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superidenting Engineer (El.,), Transmission (Projects) Circle, Zonal Office Premises, Opp.Sector No.45, KPTCL, Navanagara, Bagalakote

भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण
SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
खेल विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
(An Autonomous Body under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports)
(युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय के तहत एक स्वायत्त निकाय)
(Human Resources Division -II)
(मानव संसाधन प्रभाग -II)

मुख्यालय, जे एन स्टेडियम कॉम्प्लेक्स,
गेट नं. 10, लोधी रोड, सीजीओ कॉम्प्लेक्स,
नई दिल्ली-110003

फ़ाइल संख्या: 01-04001(03)/12/2025-66 दिनांक: 30-09-2025
File No. 01-04001(03)/12/2025-66 Date: 30-09-2025

Sports Authority of India Recruitment - Executive Director Posts

The Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, invites applications for 08 posts of Director in Pay Matrix Level-13A, Rs.133100-216600 (Pay band-4, Rs. 37400-67000 + Rs. 8900/- Grade Pay)on deputation including short-term contract basis for a period of 3 years at its Head Office, New Delhi and various field units. Eligible officers may submit applications in the prescribed format, along with required documents, to the Director (Human Resources Division-I), Room No. 210, SAI, J.N. Stadium Complex Gate-10, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003. Last date for receipt of applications is 30th October, 2025 (5:00 PM). Detailed advertisement, eligibility criteria, proforma and instructions will be available on the SAI website (www.sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in).

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NOTICE

1, Shri V Padmanabhan, Gardener. No 6007. S/o Late Venu, of HQ MEG & Centre, Bangalore is unauthorizedly absent from duty without any intimation/leave wef 05 Sep 2024.

2. Shri V Padmanabhan, Gardener, No 6007 was issued with show cause notices and memorandum of charges under Rule 14 & 16 of CCS (CC & A) Rules 1965 asking him to rejoin duty, failing which disciplinary action as per CCS (CC & A) Rules 1965 will be initiated against him through registered post. The Commissioner of Police, Bangalore City were also requested to trace whereabouts of Shri V Padmanabhan, Gardener, No 6007 who inturn have intimated that the individual is not traceable and no information about his whereabouts

3 You are finally called upon to show cause within one month from the date of this notice as to why you should not be removed from service, failing which ex-parte decision is liable to be taken to remove you from service by invoking the provision of Rule 19 (ii) of the CCS (CC & A) Rules. 1965.

HQ MEG & Centre
Bangalore-42
08 Sep 2025

Sd/-
(AS Thakur)
Brigadier Commandant

CBC_10622/11/0036/2526

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING) SRM e-Tender No. T-2553/MSETCL/CO/ Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001426)

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.

"Upgradation of 132/33kV Mhasrul s/s into 220 kV (GIS)/ 132 kV (AIS) / 33 kV level, Dist.- Nashik, MSETCL Maharashtra."

Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from **17.10.2025.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

NATIONAL SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED(NSC)

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

REGIONALOFFICE 22-C,SIDCO(N),INDL.Estate,Ambattur, CHENNAI-600050.
Tel: 044 - 26256192, 26242363. Email ID: rm.chennai@indiaseeds.com

No:4/OS/PRODN/NSC-CHN/2025-2026/6 **Date: 19.10.2025**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(I). e-Tenders are invited from the reputed Seed Producer /Supplier for Supply of Paddy and PulsesSeeds(e-tender ID-No: 4/OS/PRODN/NSC-CHN/2025-2026/6)

(II). Due date and time of Tender bid submission for supply is **25-10-2025** up to **14.00 Hrs.**

For detailed information log on to the website **https://indiaseeds.enivida.com** and **www.indiaseeds.com**

REGIONAL MANAGER

UJVN Ltd.

(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
H.O. "UJJWAL" Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone-0135-2763808 Fax 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 817 **Date: 21.10.2025**

CORRIGENDUM/ADDENDUM-5

The addendum-5 for e-NIT No.: 01/UJVNL/DGM(Civil-AT&TP)/2025-26 invited by this office has been uploaded on e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in. For any clarification and submission of queries kindly email us on **dgmcivilattp@gmail.com.** The other terms & conditions of bid document will remain same.

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal **http://uktenders.gov.in"**

Dy. General Manager (Civil)
Arakot-Tiuni &Tiuni Plasu Project, Dakpathar

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ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಕಛೇರಿ ವಿಳಾಸ: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರಸ್ತೆ, ವಾರ್ಡ್ 10, ಎನ್ ಆರ್ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ–563 125, ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08154–252056/ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ: 08154–252117, ಇ–ಮೇಲ್:itstaff_ulb_chintamanicity@yahoo.in, cmc.chintamani@gmail.com, ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್:www.chintamanicity.gov.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಸಚಿ/ತಾಂಶಾ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/102/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.10.2025

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಜಿ, ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಸಚಿ/ತಾಶಾ/ಸಿಆರ್/102/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.10.2025

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ 2000 ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **(1) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT50578** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. **ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು :** ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.11.2025** ರಂದು ಸಮಯ **ಸಂಜೆ: 17:30** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.11.2025ರ ಸಮಯ 11:00 ಆರ್ಥಿಕ** ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.11.2025ರ ಸಮಯ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:234/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

सिंडिकेट Syndicate

Canara Bank, ARM Branch - II
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencers Towers,
No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru, Ph: 080-25310181
E-Mail – cb6298@Canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]

[Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas the authorized Officer of the Canara Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **31.07.2025** calling upon the Borrowers : **1) M/s. LANDSEND TRADING SERVICES,** A Partnership Firm Rep By: i) Mr.O Raghunatha Reddy, ii) Mr.Ajay Agarwal, Registered Office at: No:28, Ground Floor, Raheja Arcade, Koramangala 5th Block, Bangalore-560095, **2) Mr. O Raghunatha Reddy** (Partner), S/o.Late Veera Reddy, Resd at No.541/2, 1st Cross, 8th Main Road, 4th Block, Koramanagala, Bangalore-560034, **3) Mr.Ajay Agarwal** (Partner), S/o. O.P.Agarwal, No.C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560061, **4) Mr.Ajay Agarwal** (Mortgagor), S/o.O. P. Agarwal, No.C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560061, **5) Mr.0 Raghunatha Reddy** (Guarantor), S/o.Late Veera Reddy, Resd at No.541/2, 1st Cross, 8th Main Road, 4th Block, Koramanagala, Bangalore-560034, **6) Mr.Ajay Agarwal** (Guarantor), S/o. O.P. Agarwal, No.C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore.560061 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.7,21,69,672.27/- (Rupees Seven Crores Twenty-One Lakhs Sixty-Nine Thousand Six hundred Seventy-Two Rupees and Twenty-Seven paise only)** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **21st day of October, 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank ARM -II Branch for an amount of **Rs. 7,56,74,701.27/-(Rupees Seven Crore Fifty-Six Lakhs Seventy-Four Thousand Seven hundred and one Rupees and Twenty-Seven Paise Only) as on 21.10.2025** plus, interest and other charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets

Flat - DETAILS OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY: I-SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Two Apartment Units/Flats bearing No.E 12 and E 16, on the Fifth Floor, having Super Built -up area of 478.12 Square Feet and 465.68 Square Feet respectively constructed on;along with an Undivided share of 147.856 Square Feet and 143.947 Square Feet respectively in the residentially converted lands measuring 15,790 Square feet or 11 Guntas plus 3.08 Guntas, in Sy.No .47/1 and Sy No.48 of Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, along with one car parking in basement Floor, and the entire Land is **bounded on the: East by:** Property belonging to Raghavendra Naik, **West by:** Remaining portion of Land in Sy. No47/1 and Sy No.48, **North by:** Property belonging to Sri. Yella Reddy & **South by:** Property belonging to Tamma Reddy and Others.

II-SCHEDULE B PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Two Apartment Units/Flats bearing No.F 05 and F 06 , on the Fifth Floor, having Super Built-up area of 465.78 Square Feet each constructed on; along with an Undivided Share of 143.97 square feet each, in the residentially converted Lands measuring 15,790 Square feet or 11Guntas plus 3.08 Guntas , in Sy .No 47/1 and Sy.No.48 of Doddathoguru village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, along with one car parking slot in the basement floor and the entire Land is **bounded on the;**
East by: Property belonging to Raghavendra Naik, **West by:** Remaining portion of Land in Sy. No47/1 and Sy No.48, **North by:** Property belonging to Sri. Yella Reddy G, **South by:** Property belonging to Tamma Reddy and Others.

III-SCHEDULE C PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the One Apartment Unit/Flat bearing No.D 18, on the Third Floor, having Super Built-up area of 465.78 Square Feet respectively constructed on; along with an Undivided share of 143.947 Square feet in the residentially converted Lands measuring 15,790square Feet or 11 Guntas plus 3.08 Guntas, in Sy.No .47/1 and Sy.No.48 of Doddathoguru village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, along with one car parking slot in the basement floor and the entire Land is **bounded on the:**
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IV-SCHEDULE D PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Two Apartment Units/Flats bearing No.E 05 and E 06 , on the Fourth Floor, having Super Built-Up area of 465.48 Square Feet each constructed on; along with an Undivided share of 143.947 Square feet each, in the residentially converted Lands measuring 15,790 Square feet or 11Guntas plus 3.08 Guntas , in sy .No 47/1 and Sy.No.48 of Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, along with one car parking slot in the basement floor and the entire Land is **bounded on the: East by:** Property belonging to Raghavendra Naik, **West by:** Remaining portion of Land in Sy.No.47/1 and Sy No.48, **North by:** Property belonging to Sri.Yella Reddy & **South by:** Property belonging to Tamma Reddy and others.

V-SCHEDULE E PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Two Apartment Units/Flats bearing No.E 07 and E 11 , on the Fourth Floor, having Super Built-Up area of 478.12 Square Feet and 465.48 Square Feet respectively constructed on along with an Undivided share of 147.856 Square Feet and 143.947 Square Feet respectively, in the residentially converted Lands measuring 15,790 Square Feet or 11 Guntas plus 3.08, in Sy.No.47/1 and Sy.No.48 of Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, along with one car parking slot in the basement floor and the entire Land is **bounded on the: East by:** Property belonging to Raghavendra Naik, **West by:** Remaining portion of Land in Sy. No47/1 and Sy No.48, **North by:** Property belonging to Sri. Yella Reddy & **South by:** Property belonging to Tamma Reddy and Others.

Name of the Title Holder : Mr. Ajay Agarwal

Place: Bengaluru **(Sd/-),**
Date : 21.10.2025 **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

The Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited

Door No.294/1D, 100 feet Road (Tadigadapa to Enikepadu Road), Kanuru, Vijayawada-521137, Andhra Pradesh, India. Tel: +91-866-2429999
Fax: +91-866-2429977, Email: contracts-ho@apmdc.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No: APMDC/HO/P&C/Wheel Washing System-SCM/2025-26/, Dt :22.10.2025

APMDC invites E-tender from reputed Agencies for **"Selection of Agency for Installation and Commissioning of Wheel Washing System at Suliyari Coal Mine Project, Singrauli (Dist.), Madhya Pradesh".** For more information on the eligibility criteria, tender fees, timelines and other details, please visit e-procurement website of GoAP **(www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in)** or APMDC website **(www.apmdc.ap.gov.in).** The Tender document is available for downloading from 22.10.2025 and the last date for bid submission is 11.11.2025 by 17:00 Hrs.

Place: Vijayawada **Sd/- Managing Director,**
Date : 22.10.2025 **The A.P. Mineral Development Corporation Limited**

DIPR No.4511PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.21/10/2025

CORPORATION OF THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

No: DB/62983/08 (37) Date: 21.10.2025

TENDER NOTICE

Competitive E-tenders are invited from Upgradation of RRFs - Fire Protection Work in Manacaud (Ward 72)-Construction of Pump room, RCC Tank and Fire fighting system - General Civil Work, Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation.

Last date of online submission of tender: 05.11.2025, 3:00 PM
Opening Tender: 05.11, 3:30 PM

The detailed e-tender notice is published in our website **https://tmc.lsgkerala.gov.in** and office notice board. For participating e-tender visit website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Superintending Engineer

भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण
SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
खेल विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
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(युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय के तहत एक स्वायत्त निकाय)
(Human Resources Division -II)

HEAD OFFICE, GATE NO.10 (EAST GATE), JAWAHARLAL NEHRU STADIUM, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003

F.No. 01-04001(01)/6/2021-HO - Personnel Division

Date: 07-10-2025

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) ON REGULAR BASIS FOR SAI LAKSHMIBAI NATIONAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, KARIAVATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (SAI) invites applications for the post of **Assistant Professor (Physical Education)** on a regular basis at **SAI Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram.** There are **06 posts** (4-Unreserved, 1-OBC, 1-EWS). Eligible Indian citizens may apply **online only,** submitting self-attested certificates/documents and a passport-size photograph. The online application process will start on **09-10-2025 (10:00 AM)** and close on **08-11-2025 (5:00 PM).** The number of posts is indicative and appointments will be made based on actual workload. Qualifications will be as per **UGC Regulations, 2018.** SAI reserves the right to withdraw this advertisement without assigning any reason. For detailed information, eligibility criteria, and online application, please visit: www.sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in

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बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda — SARJAPURA BRANCH

1837, Vinayaka Nagar, Sarjapura, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka-562125

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [SEE PROVISO TO 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagor s	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any (Owner/Mortgator Name)	Total Dues as per Demand Notice	Date of e-Auction and Time of E-auction	1.Reserve Price- 2.Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3.Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession	Property Inspection date & Time. (With Prior Permission From Authorised Officer)
1	**M/s Harichandana Developers Pvt Ltd. - (Borrower)** 204 Shivai Plaza, Marol Maroshivroad, Andheri East, Mumbai-400059, Maharashtra , **1. Mr. Deepak Bhagwandas Agrawal - (Guarantor)** Tower 1902 LNT Emrald Isle, Saku Vihar Raod, Chandivali, Mumbai - 400072. **2. Mr. Bhagwandas Mohanlal Agrawal - (Guarantor)** Near Sanyas Ashram 601, Devki Co. Op Society, 6th floor, Vile Parle West, Mumbai 400056, **3. Mrs. Monika Deepak Agrawal, (Guarantor)** Tower 1902, Emrald Isle, Saku Vihar Road, Mumbai-400072, **4. Mrs. Annapurna Bhagwandas Agrawal, (Guarantor)** Near Sanyas Ashram 601, Devki Co. Op Society, 6th floor, Vile Parle West, Mumbai 400056	Semi Finished building under construction, situated at Site No.8 to 17 carved out of the lands in Sy No.17 and 25 Arekempana Halli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently comes under BBMP ward No.61, Khata No.8, PID No.61-61-8, Hosur Road (Dr. M H Marigowda Road) measuring East to West 64 Ft and North to South 160 Ft, totally measuring 8653Sq Ft (which was 10,400 sqft as per the First mortgage later rectified to 8653 sqft as per the registered rectification deed Doc No.1046/2022-23), owned by M/s Harichandan Developers Pvt Ltd and Bounded on the: East by : Property of Smt. Ajithaneth and Smt. Kamalakshi Kothaneth and then 25 Feet road, West by : 25 Feet Road, Borth by : Hosur Road, South by: Private Property	**Outstanding dues Rs.34,397,359.00 as on 09-06-2025** (inclusive of interest upto 09-06-2025). **Present Outstanding: Rs.3,35,32,020.65 (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Five Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Twenty and Sixty Five Paise Only)** as on 11-10-2025 (inclusive of interest upto11-10-2025) and with further interest theron at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment.	**24-11-2025 from 2.00 PM to 6.00 PM**	**1. Rs.32,32,00,000/- 2. Rs.3,23,20,000/- 3. Rs.1,00,000/-**	**Symbolic Possession**	**From 24-10-2025 to 23-11-2025 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction** and online auction portal **Baanknet.com.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on **Tel No. 8971382234.**

Date: 18.10.2025, Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

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1	**Mr. Mukesh Kumar Choudhary - Borrower** Flat 1303 Sharjah Main City, United Arab Emirates, Sharjah (UAE), Dubai-1250 **Other Addresses** **1)** Post Kharhara Thana Barahat, Near Kali Mandir, Barahat Banka, Bihar 813121 **2)** B-1 Plot 421, JP Apartment, Shalimar Garden Ext 1, Ghaziabad, UP-110093 **3)** B140, Ashok Nagar Main Road, Shahdara, Delhi -110093 **Mrs. Priyanka - Co Borrower** Flat 1303 Sharjah Main City, United Arab Emirates, Sharjah (UAE), Dubai 1250 **Other Addresses** **4)** Post Kharhara Thana Barahat, Near Kali Mandir, Barahat Banka, Bihar-813121 **5)** B-1 Plot 421, JP Apartment, Shalimar Garden, Ext 1, Ghaziabad, UP-110093 **6)** B140, Ashok Nagar Main Road, Shahdara, Delhi -110093 **Mr. Abhishek Kumar-Guarantor** #17, New Number, 9th Cross, Opp. Surya Sweets, Maruti Nagar , Main Road, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560068	**Schedule 'A'** All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing a vacant site bearing Corporation Khata No. 426/715/B/540/2/31/2, No. 826/715/A/540/1/31/1 and No. 32/715/540/31 situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru Kengeri Sub-Division, measuring approximately 16300 Sq ft and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring: East to West: A to H-89 feet, B to C - 25 feet, D to E - 72.7 feet, F to G - 39 feet, North to South: A to B - 92 feet, C to D - 92.11 feet, E to F - 110.10 feet, G to H - 77 feet\ and **Bounded as Follows:** North: Road, South: Road, East: Road leading to Vrushbhavathi River, West: Road and private property. **Schedule 'B'** 436.89 Sq Ft of undivided share, right and interest in the Schedule 'A' property hereby conveyed by the vendor to the purchaser. **Schedule 'C'** All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing No. A-302 in the third floor of the project known as 'RF TWILIGHT' built on schedule A property and apartment measuring 1500.85 sq ft of super built up area and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases, and other areas of common use inclusive of balcony and utility areas with One car parking space in the basement floor and includes right privileges, appurtenances therto and **Bounded on:** North: Setback area, South: Flat A-301, East: Flat A-303, West: Setback area. The immovable security is in the name of **Mr. Mukesh Kumar Choudhary** and **Mrs. Priyanka**	**Rs. 79,08,975.19 (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five and Paise Nineteen Only)** as on 30-04-2025 Plus further interest from 30-04-2025 and other charges, cost, expenses if any thereafter **Present Outstanding Rs. 82,58,598.98 (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight and Paise Ninety Eight Only)** as on 11-10-2025 Plus further interest from 11-10-2025 and other charges, cost expenses if any thereafter	**24-11-2025 From 2:00 PM to 06:00 PM.**	**1. Rs.76,50,000/- 2. Rs.7,65,000/- 3. Rs.25,000/-**	**Symbolic**	**From 24-10-2025 to 23-11-2025 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM**

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Date: 13.10.2025, Place: Sarjapura, Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr /Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagor s	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues. as per demand notice	Date of e-Auction and Time of E-auction	1.Reserve Price- 2.Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3.Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time.
1	**Mr. Mukesh Kumar Choudhary - Borrower** Flat 1303 Sharjah Main City, United Arab Emirates, Sharjah (UAE), Dubai-1250 **Other Addresses** **1)** Post Kharhara Thana Barahat, Near Kali Mandir, Barahat Banka, Bihar 813121 **2)** B-1 Plot 421, JP Apartment, Shalimar Garden Ext 1, Ghaziabad, UP-110093 **3)** B140, Ashok Nagar Main Road, Shahdara, Delhi -110093 **Mrs. Priyanka - Co Borrower** Flat 1303 Sharjah Main City, United Arab Emirates, Sharjah (UAE), Dubai 1250 **Other Addresses** **4)** Post Kharhara Thana Barahat, Near Kali Mandir, Barahat Banka, Bihar-813121 **5)** B-1 Plot 421, JP Apartment, Shalimar Garden, Ext 1, Ghaziabad, UP-110093 **6)** B140, Ashok Nagar Main Road, Shahdara, Delhi -110093 **Mr. Abhishek Kumar-Guarantor** #17, New Number, 9th Cross, Opp. Surya Sweets, Maruti Nagar , Main Road, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560068	**Schedule 'A'** All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing a vacant site bearing Corporation Khata No. 426/715/B/540/2/31/2, No. 826/715/A/540/2/31/2 and No. 32/715/540/31 situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru Kengeri Sub-Division, measuring approximately 16300 Sq ft and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring: East to West : A to H - 89 feet, B to C - 25 feet, D to E - 72.7 feet, F to G - 39 feet, North to South: A to B - 92 feet, C to D - 92.11 feet, E to F - 110.10 feet, G to H - 77 feet. and **Bounded as follows:** North:Road, South: Road, East: Road leading to Vrushbhavathi River, West: Road and Private property. **Schedule 'B'** 336.14 Sq Ft of undivided share, right and interest in the Schedule 'A' property hereby conveyed by the vendor to the purchaser **Schedule 'C'** All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing No.A-305 in the third floor of the project known as 'RF TWI-LIGHT' built on schedule A property and apartment measuring 1154.73 sq ft of super built up area and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases, and other areas of common use inclusive of balcony and utility areas with One car parking space in the basement floor and includes right privileges, appurtenances therto and **Bounded on:** North: Common area, South: Setback Area, East: Flat A-304, West: Lift and Staircase The immovable security is in the name of **Mr. Mukesh Kumar Choudhary** and **Mrs. Priyanka**	**Rs. 61,97,722.04 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two and Paise Four Only)** as on 30-04-2025 Plus further interest from 30-04-2025 and other charges, costs, expenses if any thereafter	**24-11-2025 From 2:00 PM to 06:00 PM.**	**1. Rs.60,30,000 2. Rs.6,30,000/- 3. Rs.25,000/-**	**Symbolic**	**From 24-10-2025 to 23-11-2025 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM**

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EDITORIAL

"The essence of science is independent thinking, hard work, and not equipment. When I got my Nobel Prize, I had spent hardly ₹200 on my equipment" — C V Raman

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— Ramnath Goenka

GLOBAL PARTNERS IN DEFENCE CAN BE CATALYSTS, NOT CRUTCHES

INDIA'S bold push for self-reliance in defence is no longer aspirational—it is now turning into a tangible reality. The recent flagging off of the first batch of BrahMos missiles from the Lucknow facility, within just five months of its virtual inauguration, signals a significant milestone in the country's journey toward indigenisation. With contracts worth ₹4,000 crore signed with foreign nations and a projected turnover of ₹3,000 crore from the Lucknow unit alone, the message is clear: India is open for defence business. However, as impressive as this progress is, we need to be clear-eyed. India's journey toward defence self-reliance is still in progress. To maintain momentum, the country must strike a pragmatic balance between national ambition and global collaboration.

The 'Make in India' initiative has propelled domestic defence production to ₹1.27 lakh crore in 2023-24—a remarkable 174 percent increase since 2014-15. With an ambitious target of ₹3 lakh crore in production and ₹50,000 crore in exports by 2029, India is clearly on a determined path. However, to sustain this upward trajectory, the country must bridge critical gaps in advanced technologies, manufacturing expertise, and adherence to global standards. Strategic foreign partnerships and joint ventures remain essential to fill these voids, ensuring that India's self-reliance drive remains robust, competitive, and globally relevant.

This is where foreign partnerships, particularly joint ventures, come into play. With liberalised foreign direct investment policies in the sector and a focus on tech transfer, these collaborations are essential bridges between aspiration and execution. Strategic tie-ups not only infuse vital capital and innovation into India's defence ecosystem, but also ensure our products remain globally competitive. The BrahMos missile itself, a product of Indo-Russian collaboration, is a shining example of how joint ventures can yield world-class systems that serve both strategic and commercial interests. To scale up, India must continue engaging with like-minded nations that see value in shared security while manufacturing together.

In defence, isolationism can foment stagnation rather than self-reliance. India's goal should be strategic autonomy, not strategic solitude. As we build our own capabilities, foreign partnerships must remain part of the blueprint—not as crutches, but as catalysts. India can and must lead in global defence manufacturing. It will get there faster, and more securely, by walking alongside partners.

MIND THE GAP BETWEEN ROYALISTS & REPUBLICANS

THE British royalty's modern history is a meandering march of scandals. The century since Elizabeth's birth has seen the house of Windsor embroiled in an abdication, a series of extramarital affairs, several instances of casual racism, bribery charges, and 'the battle of the Waleses' that ended in a fatal car crash. The latest to join the family's hall of infamy is the third of her four children, Andrew. Days before the posthumous publication of a memoir by Virginia Giuffre, who had accused the prince of sexual abuse, the 65-year-old father of two gave up his royal titles and honours last week. That it took more than a decade of her initial accusation, six years since his mother stripped him of public duties, and three years since he settled Giuffre's case out of court is testament to the royal obsession with optics over propriety.

Evidently, the Firm—as Elizabeth's father first called the business of monarchy—has been unable to shake off Andrew's links to Jeffrey Epstein, the convicted child trafficker who died behind bars, and his close associate, Ghislaine Maxwell, the imprisoned daughter of a British newspaper magnate. The publication of Andrew Lownie's unflattering book two months ago did not help. However, what made Andrew's clumsy attempts to distance himself from Epstein altogether impossible is the release of the American financier's private jet's flight logs that showed several trips together.

Royalists questioned whether the prince could maintain the Royal Lodge, a 30-room mansion southwest of Heathrow leased to him by the Crown Estate, after paying Giuffre an estimated $12 million to settle the case. Documents made public recently show how little Andrew is required to pay through most of the 75-year-old lease after a substantial sum was paid upfront in the 2000s. It's clear that though British MPs are piling pressure on their government to formally strip Andrew of all royal titles, there is little appetite to see the monarchy go. They would do well to keep an eye on the massive 'No kings' protests happening across the US—aimed at Trump's tyranny, but termed to reinforce republicanism. They would also do well to read Giuffre's memoir, *Nobody's Girl*, that's out on stands Tuesday. Maybe there will be more gritted teeth behind stiff upper lips.

QUICK TAKE

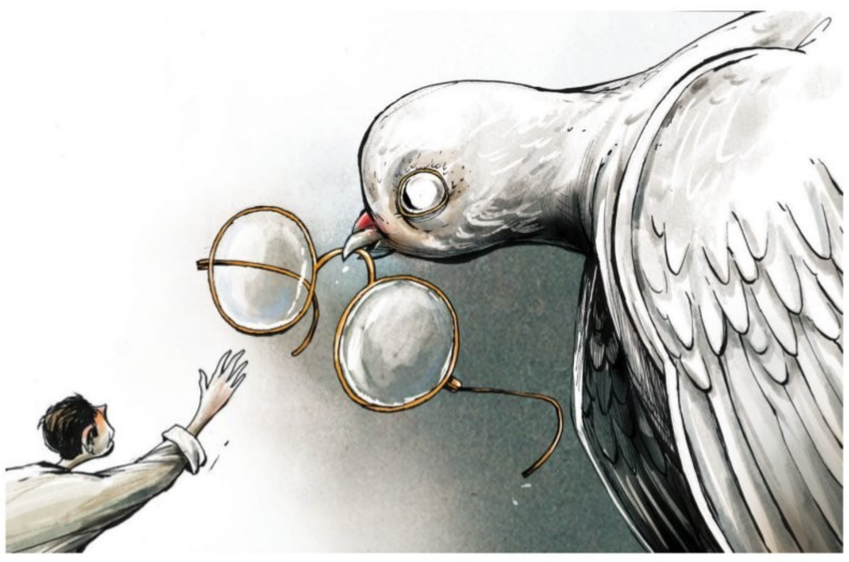
A BRIDGE NOT TOO FAR

A promising innovation might point us to a way out of a regrettable trend with a sustainable solution. The University of Pennsylvania has used novel material mixes to 3D-print complex bridge designs that use less concrete—a material estimated to account for about 8 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. The lattice-like designs are said to ensure that such bridges would be durable enough. Now, 3D printing of bridges isn't totally new to India—IIT Hyderabad printed a 7.5-metre prototype last year for its campus with help from a startup. If the expertise is nurtured, it could possibly improve India's dismal record at constructing and maintaining bridges. That would be a future worth walking across to.

The Nobel Prize encourages us to think of peace in a broader context. In this imagination, there cannot be a chasm between the regional and the national or international

WARP AND WEFT OF PEACEMAKING AMID VIOLENCE

SHIV VISVANATHAN
Social scientist associated with the Compost Heap, a group researching alternative imaginations



SOURAV ROY

THE politics of awarding Nobel prizes is sometimes as murky as war itself. This year, the Nobel Peace Prize Committee provided interim relief. It did not award Donald Trump the prize. Instead, it went to the Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado, a person whose slow politics has, in a way, helped birth an organic sense of peace for Venezuela.

The prize to Machado actually raises the question of the creativity of peace in India today. It's in this context that one must raise the issue that discussions about peace and about Gandhian thought have been impoverished for the last three decades.

There have been two exceptions to this mode of thinking. The first has been the thinker Ela Bhatt.

Bhatt has often been seen as the founder of the Self Employed Women's Association and nothing more. But in later years, she was in many senses deeply involved in peace and peacemaking with the likes of Jimmy Carter. She pointed out that peace cannot be worked out of a handbook. It is not a technology. Peace, she said, has to emerge as a metaphysic, out of the local languages, out of indigenous modes of thought. In this context, she emphasised that Gandhi gave currency to the words *satyagraha*, *swadeshi* and *swaraj*.

She also pointed out that peace has to be a form of storytelling. Without myths, stories, and inspiration of struggles, peace does not acquire the everyday clarity, resonance and poetics it desperately needs.

She said that one of the things to emphasise is the importance of the role of women in peace. She cited the examples of Manipur and Kashmir, where war was a known act, a ritual of waiting. She emphasised that when war becomes waiting, women seem to wait not only for peace, but for their husbands and children to come back every day. The final point that she emphasised—and I think it was very crucial—was that peace can't be a contract. Peace, she said, in a deep and fundamental way, has to be part of a dialogue or conversation. It has to be built like a weave.

And in this sense, a sense of peace was very close to what C V Seshadri, the second intellectual thinker about Gandhism and peace, brought forth.

Seshadri was an extraordinary scientist, a chemist who built a laboratory in a slum that became one of the country's most famous research institutes.

Seshadri regarded Gandhi as another scientist. Gandhi, in fact, was a senior 'scientist' whose innovative work he felt needed to be emulated. Gandhian innovation was a crucial part of scientific innovation. Seshadri emphasised that in a deep and fundamental way, Gandhian thought in peace required as much innovation as science. In fact, peace operated with less certainty than science.

He also emphasised two other things. Peace is not impersonal. It becomes autobiographical, and it's the autobiography as experiments that often constitute the making of a movement, providing a deep sense of the values that go into the making of peace.

He differentiated between disciples and exemplars in any ethic. Disciples tend to follow the leader; disciples often mimic the leader. But an exemplar, in a deep and fundamental sense, is an innovator. S/he tends to go beyond the leader. In that sense, the exemplar is an original.

These thinkers pointed out that peace cannot emerge merely from instant contracts. Neither can it emerge from instant diktats of the kind Trump today provides. Peace is something that has to be worked and reworked on as a wheel. And the wheel is one of the most beautiful metaphors for peacemaking. One has to emphasise the importance of Seshadri and Bhatt today because there's a paucity of thinking about war and peace.

Peace can never be just local. Peace, in a deep and fundamental sense, has to be both local and cosmopolitan, international. It's in this sense that today if we think of peace, we think of the Gaza Strip.

Gandhi would have pointed out that there is a Gaza Strip in each mode of governance. One has to examine the Gaza Strip locally and internationally. In this context, we have to think simultaneously of what happened in Manipur and is happening in Kashmir.

Simultaneously, we have to provide a certain sense of peace, belonging, and kinship to what's happening in the Gaza Strip, to Palestinians.

Both Seshadri and Bhatt differentiated between swadeshi and swaraj, explaining that these are not dualistic concepts. Rather, they merge into each other as part of a complex weave of microcosm and macrocosm. *Swadeshi* can never be purely local and swaraj cannot be merely holistic. Instead, *swaraj* must weave in the parts, because the parts make the whole.

The second point that Seshadri emphasised was the distinction between autobiography and choreography. He said that autobiography is the experiment of the self, and this self-experimentation is the beginning of peace. Choreography, then, is the collective attempt of the self to create holistic group peace, which demands a certain notion of memory.

Seshadri further emphasised that structures of violence are often more innovative than peace. Within this context, he pointed out that peace requires a richer, more fluid notion of goodness to capture the essence of what is happening today.

The final point he made was that peace is plural; it cannot be a monologue.

It must include several voices—the marginal, the migrant, and the normal. It cannot be achieved without incorporating a sense of marginality. We need to make a new connection between region, nation and the Anthropocene. We have to make sure that diversity, dialogue and plurality sustain both parts and the whole.

It is time we dream of the Anthropocene differently. We need to create a new sense of man with a new sense of nature more symbiotic than contractual. We need to create an ecology. This sense of ecology has to add to the new imagination of peace for the future to be a different kind of world.

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WASTE LAND: A NATION OF LANDFILLS

C P SURENDRAN
The author's latest volume of poetry is *Window with a Train Attached*

SOME years ago, I was editing a newspaper in Mumbai and we ran a report on the city's eternal garbage problem. The report mentioned a prime spot in the suburbs where a mountainous garbage landfill was posing a danger because vultures were wheeling over it, getting in the way of air traffic. The report did not go down well, as the proprietor of the newspaper happened to own the landfill. This column is not about my adventures as a journalist, but about India's garbage problem.

Unlike the West, where the age of chips has followed a certain social and cultural stage that necessitated garbage collection in the cause of health and aesthetics, India seems to have skipped that stage. As a result, we might have to drive through rotting waste while heading to a robotics factory.

Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi, Chennai—the waste piles high everywhere. In the capital, the waste is dumped 65 metres high at one landfill. It's not taller only because the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is not great at collecting waste. This mountain, like many in other Indian cities, symbolises the country's struggle with solid waste and will soon ascend new heights.

Garbage output is expected to reach 62 million tonnes this year and could soar to 436 million tonnes by 2050. A developing India means more waste, but we have no idea what to do with it except, at best, transfer it from one spot to another and hope the dogs and vultures will do a good job.

We have some 2,500 official landfills. And millions of unofficial dumpsites in our backyards, gutters, footpaths, and rivers. All of India is potentially a landfill. Nearly 80 percent of the waste that finds its way to these is unprocessed. Organic waste mostly rots, but plastic is more or less eternal. Organic waste emits methane. But it is more fashionable—and profitable—to focus on carbon emission, possibly because there are more fellowships, seminars, and grants available to study it.

Western nations have adopted more effective waste management strategies. In the US, 51 percent of waste goes to landfills, a practice supported by recycling efforts like composting. A couple of months ago, I was in Minnesota and Washington, and could not find a scrap of waste on footpaths. The waste is well collected and recycled. We don't collect too good and we litter. But how much do we recycle? There is no clear data on this.

In Europe, there is a hierarchy of waste management that prioritises prevention, reuse, recycling, and recovery, achieving a municipal recycling rate of 49 percent. The Nordic countries exemplify the best practices. In Sweden, 65 percent of municipal solid waste is incinerated, generating energy for a significant portion of Stockholm's homes, while recycling rates remain high at 49 percent. Finland mirrors this success, with landfilling dropping below 1 percent since 2020.

AFP

A growing India means growing solid waste, especially in its cities. But we seem to have no plan for it except to transfer it from one place to another. Why not use technology to recycle and generate power from waste, as other nations are doing?

In these countries, waste is almost lovingly sorted and managed, transforming what was once discarded material into energy or reusable resources. We are an energy-deficient country. When was the last time you heard someone raise a question in parliament or a state assembly on recycling waste into power? Or indeed, waste into anything?

Kerala, where I come from, wastes no opportunity to pat its back while dumping trash into fields and canals. Kochi, Kozhikode, and Thrissur are mosquito breeding centres. Waste mismanagement in the state is probably one reason it holds records in disease outbreaks.

The Swachh Bharat Mission, initiated in 2014, aimed to tackle the waste crisis with significant funding—with over ₹1.5 lakh crore allocated since its inception. The budget for 2025 remains robust at ₹12,192 crore, encompassing urban and rural initiatives. Why is it then that many areas in cities like Gurgaon and Bengaluru are facing a trash crisis? The mission's problems include the fact that it is not audited.

Our 'model villages', a typical Indianism, are often models because bureaucrats are more into meeting numbers—a newfound Stalinist passion for statistics, to be precise. Add to it the all-too-human need to protect one's career, felt by everyone from judges to sweepers. I suppose a poor country will instinctively get its individual priorities right.

To be fair, environmentalists often focus on carbon emissions because they recognise that addressing climate change can have far-reaching impacts on public health, ecosystems, and future generations. While solid waste management is essential, the urgency surrounding carbon emissions stems from their immediate and long-term effects on global warming and environmental degradation.

However, there are some signs of change. Small signs, though. Involvement of corporate giants like Reliance indicates a shift in how waste is being viewed in India. Mukesh Ambani's company is investing heavily in biogas facilities and chemical recycling initiatives that convert single-use plastics into reusable materials. Companies like Attero Recycling are using AI to streamline processes, while others are transforming agricultural waste into marketable products.

India's waste management crisis is not insurmountable, given the availability of technology. By learning from the effective strategies employed in other countries, India can reduce its rubbish mounds. What stands in the way is as much incompetence as our cultural practice of mere transference of waste from one spot to another.

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Hijab politics

Ref: *Politics, not faith, fuels hijab row in Kerala* (Oct 21). The editorial succinctly highlights that politicians added fire to the frying pan by mixing communal tinge to the hijab row. Any religious component of a student's outfit defeats the concept of uniform in every sense of the word.
Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Judicial independence

Ref: *Collegium nod to Centre's request raises questions* (Oct 20). I can't resist applauding the editorial today criticising the collegium's surrender to an executive decision which is unhealthy for an independent judiciary. Justice Sreedharan is an outright, bold and straightforward judge with landmark judgements, just like Justice Muralidhar.
V O Harindranathan, Chennai

Remote option

Ref: *Progressive policy, predictive pitfalls* (Oct 20). Offering a remote work option could reduce the burden on coworkers and help prevent negative consequences in the implementation. The Karnataka government should, however, also develop a strategy to support women employed in the unorganised sector, who often lack any safety net.
Sinan Rasheed, Kozhikode

On-ground reality

Ref: *How not to build another ugly city* (Oct 20). The author's perception towards bureaucrats vindicated the age-old rivalry between administrator and academician. It is not denying the fact that bureaucrats are blamed for many infrastructural breakdowns; however, intellectual academicians' learned insights can only be implemented by on-ground practitioners.
Subha Prakash Kanungo, Bhubaneswar

Corruption avenue

Ref: *Potholes, politics and public's patience* (Oct 21). The stench isn't from the potholes—it's from the system that breeds them. Year after year, funds vanish into bureaucratic gutters while officials perfume the air with excuses. Who audits the audacious decay that wears a government badge?
Sandeep Sharma Mooteri, Bengaluru

Teaching cyber-safety

Ref: *Deepfakes, doxxing, digital abuse* (Oct 21). The dark side of digital progress especially targets vulnerable women through fake images and data misuse. It points out gaps in Indian laws and calls for stronger legislation, tech-based solutions and mandatory cyber-safety education.
Thahsina K, Kannur

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
BJP members, intoxicated with the arrogance of power, never miss an opportunity to insult anyone. BJP members should not forget that...every arrogance comes to an end.

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
90% of crackers sold were normal stamped with fake green label since no differentiation mechanism exists. AQI?IQ? Test basis? Supreme Court Zindabad.

Kiren Rijiju @KirenRijiju
On #PoliceCommemorationDay, I bow in deep respect to our brave police personnel who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

Swadeshi pitch in PM's Diwali letter

Highlights Op Sindoor success, reaffirms govt's commitment to end terrorism, Naxalism

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday wrote an open letter to citizens, a day after Deepavali, highlighting the success of Operation Sindoor and reaffirming his government's commitment to eradicating terrorism and Naxalism.

In the letters, he urged citizens to fulfil their duties and choose Swadeshi products.

"This is the second Deepavali after the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya; Lord Shri Ram teaches us to uphold righteousness and also gives us the courage to fight injustice. We saw a living example of this a few months ago during Operation Sindoor. During Operation Sindoor, Bharat not only upheld righteousness but also avenged injustice," he wrote.

Modi drew attention to the benefits of recent GST reforms, noting that citizens are saving thousands of crores of rupees during the 'GST Bachat Utsav'. "On the first day of Navaratri, lower GST rates were implemented. During this GST Bachat Utsav (Savings festival), citizens are saving thousands of rupees," he said.

He appealed to people to support indigenous products and embrace the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. "All these efforts will rapidly take us towards a Viksit Bharat," he added. The letter followed his Diwali celebration with naval personnel aboard the indigenously built aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant.

Modi said India has emerged as a beacon of stability amid global crises. "In a world going through multiple crises, Bharat has emerged as a symbol of both stability and sensitivity. We are also on track to become the third-largest economy in the world in the near future," he wrote. "In this journey of a 'Viksit (developed) and Aatmanirbhar (self-reliant) Bharat', our primary responsibility as citizens is to fulfil our duties towards the nation."

This Deepavali is special as lamps were lit in districts, including remote areas, where Naxalism and Maoist terrorism have been eradicated.

Modi calls Japan PM's election 'historic milestone'

PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday congratulated new Japanese Prime Minister terming her election a historic milestone. In a post on X, he said, "Heartiest congratulations, Sanae Takaichi, on your election as the Prime Minister of Japan. I look forward to working closely with you to further strengthen the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership. Our deepening ties are vital for peace, stability, and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific and beyond."

India upgrades mission in Kabul to embassy status

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA has restored its Technical Mission in Kabul to the status of a full-fledged embassy, signalling a renewed phase of engagement with Afghanistan.

The External Affairs Ministry announced the decision on Tuesday, confirming that the upgrade is effective immediately. "In keeping with the decision announced during the recent visit of the Afghan Foreign Minister to India, the Government is restoring the status of the Technical Mission of India in Kabul to that of Embassy of India in Afghanistan with immediate effect," the MEA said in an official release.

The move follows a meeting between Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in New Delhi earlier this month. Security concerns surrounding the Indian mission in Kabul were a key focus of their discussions.

Lokpal floats tender to buy 7 BMW cars worth ₹5 crore, draws Oppn flak

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Lokpal, India's anti-corruption watchdog, is facing criticism for planning to buy luxury cars for its officials. The institution has floated a tender for seven BMW 3 Series 330Li M Sport models, all in white, reportedly for use by its members, including the Chairperson. According to the tender documents, which are in the possession of this newspaper, the procurement will follow the General Financial Rules 2017 and the Ministry of Finance's 2017 procurement manual.

The tender, floated on 16 October, asks interested vendors to submit documents through the government e-procurement portal. It uses a two-bid system—technical and financial—and requires an earnest money deposit of ₹10 lakh. The estimated cost of the vehicles is around ₹5 crore, with each BMW priced at approximately ₹69.5 lakh on-road in Delhi. Delivery is expected preferably within two weeks, but no later than 30 days from the supply order.

A key part of the tender is a seven-day training program for the Lokpal's designated drivers and staff. The training, to be conducted at the vendor's expense, will include familiarisation with all controls, emergency handling, and 50–100 km of on-road practice per driver, within 15 days of delivery.

The move has drawn sharp criticism from opposition leaders and public figures. Lawyer Prashant Bhushan said on X, "The institution of Lokpal has been ground to dust by the Modi government, by keeping it vacant for many years & then appointing servile members who are not bothered by graft & are happy with their luxuries. They are now buying 70L BMW cars for themselves!"

Congress spokesperson Dr Shama Mohammad criticized the purchase, saying, "....This is the same institution that was supposed to fight corruption after the so-called 'India against Corruption' movement — a movement backed by the RSS and designed only to bring down the Congress government." She added, "That movement made @narendramodi the Prime Minister, and he delivered a Lokpal that exists only on paper and now filled with corrupt officers enjoying taxpayers' money."

TMC MP Sagarika Ghose said, "A tender has been placed for seven luxury BMW cars by the Lokpal. Instead of investigating corruption, Lokpal seems to be indulging in extravagance. Terrible optics. Important note: Lokpal is Justice A M Khanwilkar, whose last judgement before retiring gave ED sweeping powers in PMLA cases."

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Top SOAS Hindi scholar deported from airport for 'violating visa conditions'

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

IMMIGRATION authorities at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport on Monday midnight deported back Francesca Orsini, the scholar of Hindi and professor emerita at SOAS, London University, as she was blacklisted for violating visa conditions since March this year, sources in the Immigration Department told this newspaper on Tuesday.

A source said, "Francesca Orsini was on Tourist visa but violating visa conditions. She had been placed in Black list since March 2025 for violation of visa conditions. This is a standard global practice that if a person is found violating visa conditions he/she can be black listed."

Claiming that a tourist visa is granted liberally and tourists coming to India are not allowed to participate in any kind of political, religious functions and research works, the sources said, on an earlier occasion Orsini was found to be involved in research works, and "she was black listed from entering into India" and thus was "deported as per the norms".

Orsini is a highly acclaimed author of the book -The Hindi Public Sphere 1920-1940: Language and Literature in the Age of Nationalism. She had arrived at IGI Airport on the night of October 20-21 via Hong Kong after attending an academic conference in China.

Critics, however, found the incident as an excess on the part of the government of India. As Ramachandra Guha wrote on X, "Professor Francesca Orsini is a great scholar of Indian literature, whose work has richly illuminated our understanding of our own cultural heritage. To deport her without reason is the mark of a government that is insecure, paranoid and even stupid."

Taking to his 'X' handle Historian Mukul Kesavan wrote saying: "The visceral hostility of the NDA government to scholars and scholarship is something to behold. A government ideologically committed to Hindi has banned Francesca Orsini. You can't make this up."

7 Punjab youths duped in Kazakhstan, appeal for help

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

SEVEN young men from Punjab's Ropar district are stranded in Kazakhstan after a local travel agent allegedly duped them by promising high-paying jobs as drivers. They claim they have been forced into hard labour under inhuman conditions and have sent SOS messages to their families, appealing for help to return safely.

Sources said a travel agent from Anandpur Sahib sent the youth to Kazakhstan about a month ago, promising them jobs as drivers. Instead, they reportedly became carriers of heavy loads over long distances in mountainous areas and live in cramped metal containers without proper food or safety measures.

A video of the youth working in snow-covered areas of Kazakhstan has gone viral on social media, drawing attention to their plight. Sources said their parents have met Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, requesting government intervention to bring their children back.

Speaking to this newspaper from Kazakhstan, one of the stranded youth, Harvinder Singh, described their ordeal. "On September 16, we went to Kazakhstan after paying the travel agent ₹1.50 lakh per person. We also paid about $70–80 as visa fees. The agent only provided tickets and kept our passports for a long time. At the last moment, he got an agreement signed and attested," he said.

Singh added that authorities at Delhi airport stopped them because they did not have return tickets. "The agent then arranged our tickets. Later, we discovered that our visas were for labour work. We were given ten days of training and then told to repair old vehicles and do labour. The promised salary of $450 per month and tips never materialized. Now we want to return, but the company is asking ₹50,000 per person plus our travel expenses. We cannot afford this," he said.

Singh said they have contacted Ajayvir Singh Lalpura, Ropar BJP president, and the Punjab Police. "Many youth from UP and Bihar are working here under inhuman conditions at an infrastructure project. There are hardly any medical facilities, and we cannot understand the local language. Translators help us communicate," he said.

These seven youths contacted me recently and urged me to help them return. I will raise this issue with the Union government to ensure their safe return —Ajayvir Singh Lalpura, Ropar BJP president

Speaker appoints lawyer to assist panel probing Justice Varma graft case

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla has appointed advocate Karan Umesh Salvi as a consultant to assist the judges' inquiry committee investigating allegations of corruption against Justice Yashwant Varma.

On August 12, the Speaker initiated the process to impeach Justice Varma from his position as a High Court judge. A Committee was formed to investigate the discovery of cash at Justice Varma's official residence. The Committee has been constituted under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 and comprises the Supreme Court's Justice Aravind Kumar, Madras High Court Chief Justice Madan Mohan Srivastav and Senior Advocate BV Acharya.

The panel was set up following a motion supported in the Lok Sabha for initiating impeachment proceedings against Justice Varma.

Salvi's role as consultant will be to support the Committee in legal research, coordinate the proceedings and preparation of the final inquiry report. The findings will be submitted to the Lok Sabha and on the basis of the report, further action could be recommended including potential impeachment.

A fire incident at Justice Varma's residence in the national capital in March, when he was a judge at the Delhi High Court, had led to the discovery of several burnt sacks of banknotes in the outhouse. He was subsequently repatriated to the Allahabad High Court, and an in-house probe ordered by the-Supreme Court Chief Justice Sanjeev Khanna had indicted him.

Last month, two lawyers Rohan Singh and Sameeksha Dua were also appointed as consultants to assist the three-member committee constituted to investigate the grounds for the removal of Justice Varma.

UDAN network to cover 120 new destinations

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

CIVIL Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha on Tuesday announced that the Regional Connectivity Scheme known popularly as UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) will be continued beyond 2027 and its network will extend to 120 new destinations.

Participating in the ninth anniversary celebrations of UDAN at Delhi, Sinha said, "The scheme will be continued beyond April 2027 through an expanded UDAN framework, focusing on connectivity with hilly, North-Eastern, and aspirational regions, and the development of around 120 new destinations."

UDAN, implemented by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, was launched on October 21, 2016, under the National Civil Aviation Policy to make flying flying accessible and affordable for all. It was launched with a 10-year vision, to connect Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities through a market-driven yet financially supported model.

"UDAN is not just a scheme; it is a catalyst for change and a testament to India's commitment to making air travel inclusive, sustainable and an integral part of our development journey," said an official release from the Civil Aviation Ministry. So far, over 1.56 crore passengers have travelled on board the 3.23 lakh flights operated under it.

"It has been a transformational initiative aimed at making air travel affordable and accessible to the common citizen. The first UDAN flight, inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on April 27, 2017 between Shimla and Delhi, marked a new era in regional aviation connectivity," the Secretary added.

Under the scheme, 649 routes have been operationalised as on date connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes. "To support airline operators and regional infrastructure, the Government has disbursed more than ₹4,300 crore as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and invested ₹4,638 crore in airport development under RCS," the release said.

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Terminal 2 of Delhi airport to begin operations

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

TERMINAL 2 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport will open on October 25-26 after undergoing major maintenance works and a runway upgrade. Airlines are shifting their flights to the new terminal. Delhi will then have all three terminals operational.

An official told this newspaper, "Anti-sabotage operations by the security agencies are afoot in connection with the launch. The terminal too would be a ₹smart' one like T1 and T3, and will offer flyers a much better experience."

IndiGo on Tuesday announced the distribution of its flights across the three terminals from September. A release said flights numbered 6E 5000 to 6E 5999, along with all international departures, will operate to/from T3. Flights numbered 6E 2000 – 6E 2999 will operate to/from T2, and the remaining domestic flights from T1.

Meanwhile, a third of AI's domestic flights will shift to T2.

10 months on, NMC yet to act against 30 docs for 'sponsored' foreign trips

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE National Medical Commission (NMC) is yet to take any action against 30 doctors who accepted free trips to Monaco and Paris worth ₹1.91 crore last year, despite the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) recommendations that action should be taken against them for violating professional misconduct.

As per rules, the NMC's Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB), which regulates professional conduct and promotes medical ethics, needs to dispose ofthe complaint within six months.

However, in the case of the 30 doctors, who according to the government-appointed committee took luxurious trips under the guise of attending medicalconferences, neither their names have been revealed nor has any action been taken.

It has been ten months since the committee under the DoP reprimanded AbbVie Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd. for violating the Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) by sponsoring trips to Monaco and Paris for 30 doctors. According to the norms, a doctor's license can be suspended if they are found guiltyof violating the code of ethics.

On December 23, 2004, the apex committee for Pharma Marketing Practices, Department of Pharmaceuticals, under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, had directed NMC to take action against the "30 offending HCPs (healthcare professionals) as per Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002."

Speaking with this paper, RTI activist, Dr KV Babu said, "The MCI ethics regulations 8.7(ii) stipulates that once the EMRB receives the complaint, it should be decided within a period of six months."

"However, in the case of the thirty doctors, where there is an allegation of professional misconduct, EMRB is still sitting over it. This is despite the apex committee for pharma marketing practices recommending NMC to take action against the thirty doctors last year on December 23 for violation of ethics regulations," the Kerala-based ophthalmologist said.

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MOURNING

Former Rajasthan Chief Ministers Ashok Gehlot and Vasundhara Raje expressed grief over the demise of veteran actor Govardhan Asrani, who endeared himself to audiences by playing the eccentric jailer in 'Sholay'

3 KILLED IN UTTAR PRADESH BIKE ACCIDENT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	25	Mumbai	34	26
Bhopal	37	22	Panaji	34	27
Jaipur	38	24	Patna	38	23
Amritsar	33	18	Lucknow	38	21
Chennai	32	28	Port Blair	28	27
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	29	17
Srinagar	21	07	Chandigarh	34	18

● After caste survey, NDA & Oppn bloc go for strategy shift in picking Bihar poll candidates ● Fate of Samrat, Tejashwi to be sealed on Nov 6

OBCs, upper castes get bigger pie

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

IN what can be described as a shifting electoral equation, particularly after Bihar's caste census last year, both the NDA and the Mahagathbandhan have altered their candidate selection strategies for the forthcoming Assembly elections. The NDA, composed of the BJP, JD(U), LJP, HAM, and RLM, and the Mahagathbandhan, led by RJD, are focusing more on fielding candidates from OBC and upper-caste communities, while also providing representation to Muslims and Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs).

The politics of projecting themselves as champions of OBC causes, while addressing upper-caste concerns, appears to be central to this election—more overtly than in previous cycles. The RJD, which until the previous election had positioned itself as a party for non-upper castes, has this time included a significant number of upper-caste candidates, particularly Bhumihars.

Upper-caste representation has slightly increased, with 15 candidates including three Brahmins, six Bhumihars, and six Rajputs.

Comparative analysis

Category	RJD	BJP	JD(U)	NDA
OBC	77	30	37	67
UPPER	15	49	22	71
MUSLIM	18	0	5	6
SC/ST	21	–	–	–
WOMEN	24	–	–	18

Broader social engineering visible across alliances | OBC and upper-caste balance key electoral plank | Women's representation sees significant boost

As part of its effort to present itself as a party for all communities, the RJD has fielded 77 OBC candidates. However, a majority of 53 of them are Yadavs, indicating the party's strong base among that community. It has also given 18 tickets to Muslims—the highest among all parties—compared to five from the JD(U) and one from the LJP. Scheduled Castes have been given 20 tickets, EBCs 12, and Scheduled Tribes one. The Koeri community, part of the OBC category, has 14 candidates in the fray. In 2020, the RJD had fielded 58 Yadavs and 13 upper-caste candidates.

The BJP, as part of the NDA, has focused heavily on upper-caste candidates, allotting 49 seats to Rajput and Bhumihar candidates. The JD(U), the second key NDA partner, has taken a more balanced approach, giving 22 seats to upper-caste candidates and fielding 37 OBC candidates—seven more than the BJP's 30 OBC candidates.

On the rationale behind this strategy, a senior JD(U) leader said, "OBCs cannot be taken as second fiddle in the politics of the state. Their electoral strength plays proportionately a more decisive role than the others."

DECIDE

Almost all three main parties—BJP, JD(U), and RJD—have prioritised OBCs and a consolidated number of upper-caste candidates, signalling a refreshed approach to social engineering in Bihar. While the RJD has slightly reduced its Yadav candidates from 58 in 2020 to 53 this time, it has given third priority to Scheduled Castes and ensured representation for EBCs, Muslims, and upper castes. Another noticeable aspect is women's representation. The RJD has fielded 24 women candidates, leading all parties. The BJP-JD(U) combine has 13 women candidates, and the LJP has five, bringing the NDA total to 18.

This election shows a clear change in Bihar's caste politics. Parties are focusing on balancing OBC and upper-caste interests while also giving attention to other communities. The candidate lists of both alliances reflect an effort to include multiple social groups, showing that caste calculations remain an important factor in the state's elections.

Stage set for first phase of polls, 1.3K in fray for 121 seats

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

IN all, 1,314 candidates are left in the fray for the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections, scheduled on November 6. This phase covers 121 seats and will mainly see a direct contest between the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Opposition INDIA bloc.

Eighteen districts are covered in this phase, with Muzaffarpur, Kurhani, Mahnar, and Bahadur seeing the highest number of contestants. Election Commission sources said 1,690 candidates had filed nominations between October 10 and 17, but 135 were rejected for technical reasons. The last day for withdrawal of nominations was on October 20.

The phase will test the popularity of Bihar CM **Nitish Kumar**'s JD(U) and **Lalu Prasad**'s RJD. Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Chaudhary (Tarapur) and Vijay Kumar Sinha (Lakhisarai), along with Opposition Leader Tejashwi Yadav (Raghopur), will be among the top leaders facing voters. The maximum number of 20 candidates each are in the fray in Kurhani and Muzaffarpur, while Alauli and Parbatta have the fewest, with five each.

In Patna, 149 candidates are in the fray, with nine withdrawals. Paliganj has the highest competition with 14 contestants. Bhagalpur has 102 nominees, with Nathnagar seeing 21. Mahnar in Vaishali has 18 candidates, while Bahadur has 17.

Key candidates include JD(U) state president Umesh Kushwaha from Mahnar and RJD's Bhola Yadav, a close aide of Lalu Prasad. Health Minister Mangal Pandey is contesting from Siwan, while Nitin Nabin, a former minister, is in the fray from Bankipur. Former Union Minister Ram Kripal Yadav will face RJD MLA Ritlal Yadav, seeking re-election from jail. Shashank Shekhar, IIT Delhi alumnus, is contesting Patna Sahib on a Congress ticket against BJP's Ratnesh Kushwaha.

Other notable contestants include Bhojpuri actor Khesari Lal Yadav (RJD), folk singer Maithili Thakur (Alinagar), Mohammad Shahabuddin's son Osama Sahab (Raghunathpur), and ministers Vijay Kumar Chaudhary (Sarairanjan), Shravan Kumar (Nalanda), Jibesh Mishra (Jale), Sanjay Saraogi (Darbhanga), and Ratnesh Sada (Sonbarsa).

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BJP's new executive body after Bihar polls

The long wait for the state BJP's new executive body is likely to end after the Bihar Assembly elections. More than 110 days after second-time legislator and former MP Hemant Khandelwal was elected as the ruling party's new state president, his team is yet to be formed. According to sources, the list of the possible faces in the new state BJP executive is already ready, however the state leaders await clearance from the national leadership, which is currently occupied with the all-important Bihar Assembly polls. The list may finally be approved by Delhi soon after Bihar polls.

Corrupt retired officials under MP police lens

Two raids by the state's anti-corruption watchdog -- the Lokayukta Special Police Establishment (SPE) – at the premises of two retired state government officials could have opened the floodgates of similar searches at the premises of other superannuated officials. Sources say there may be more such officials on SPE's radar, based on inputs about them having amassed massive wealth disproportionate to their income sources. Over the last few days, SPE unearthed unaccounted assets running into crores.

State Congress chief booked over protest

Protest by Congress workers and farmers led by state party chief Jitu Patwari outside the residence of Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan over farmers' issues in Bhopal, has led to the registration of an FIR against Patwari. On October 15, Patwari had carried a sack of paddy on his shoulder, while walking to Chouhan's residence, along with around 50 party workers and farmers. He had managed to reach the destination, despite police action. The union minister stepped out to meet the protestors and invited them inside for discussions. However, some hours later, an FIR was registered against Patwari at the TT Nagar police station.

EC: Print ads a day before or poll date need pre-certification

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AHEAD of assembly polls in Bihar, the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday issued an order saying to ensure a fair campaign environment, no party, candidate, organisation or person shall publish any advertisement in print media on poll day and one day prior to the poll day, unless the contents are pre-certified by the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee.

The ECI said, "In order to ensure a fair campaign environment, no political party, candidate, organisation, or person shall publish any advertisement in print media on the poll day and the preceding day unless the contents are pre-certified by the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC)," it said, adding that the restricted days are November 5 and 6 for Phase I and November 10 and 11 for Phase II.

"Applicants seeking pre-certification for political advertisements in print media must submit their applications to the MCMC no later than two days before the intended publication date. Committees at both the state and the district levels have been activated to review and pre-certify advertisements and ensure decisions are made promptly," the ECI said.

Two dons-turned-politicians draw battle lines on Mokama poll turf

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BATTLE lines have been drawn in Bihar's Mokama assembly constituency ahead of the first-phase polls on November 6, as two don-turned-politicians, Anant Singh and Surajbhan Singh, prepare for a high-octane electoral clash.

Anant Singh, a five-time MLA, is back in the fray after being released from jail. Fond of luxury cars, keeping horses, wearing stylish hats and spectacles, he is popularly known as "Chhote Sarkar" among his supporters. Recently acquitted by the Patna High Court in an Arms Act case, he had earlier faced arrest for possessing sophisticated weapons, including AK-47 rifles and hand grenades.

This time, Anant will face Veena Devi, wife of Surajbhan Singh, who will contest on the ticket of Lalu Prasad's RJD. Veena, a former MP, secured the party symbol last week and filed her nomination from Mokama. Surajbhan, a former MP from Balia in Begusarai, resigned from the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) to join the RJD, apparently to secure a ticket for his wife.

The rivalry is quite old. Surajbhan defeated Anant's elder brother Dilip Singh, a former RJD minister, in the 2000 election. Anant recaptured the seat in 2005 and has held it for four terms, despite facing at least 19 criminal cases, including murder, kidnapping, and Arms Act charges. His influence is evident—his wife Neelam Devi had won a bypoll while he was in jail, later shifting loyalty to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and voting for the NDA during a floor test. "This time, Anant Singh, also known as Chhote Sarkar, is in the fray on the ticket of JD(U)," said Saurabh Kumar Singh of Mokama.

RJD candidate sent to jail in bank robbery case

RJD candidate from Sasaram, Satyendra Sah, was arrested by Bihar on Monday in connection with a 2004 bank robbery case at Garhwa in Jharkhand. According to the Garhwa SP Aman Kumar, Sah was arrested and produced before the Garhwa court on Tuesday and was later sent to judicial custody.

The Mokama Tal area, known for its high-quality pulses and closed industrial units, has a history of violent elections. Gunfire and clashes among supporters have often influenced results, and locals expect a fierce show of strength this year, too. "Surajbhan's prestige is at stake in Mokama. He will have to face an equally important man, who comes not only from his caste but can match his firepower as well," said Sanjay Kumar, a resident of Shankarbar Tola, Surajbhan's native place.

RJD, under Tejashwi Yadav, is consolidating Bhumihar support by bringing leaders like Surajbhan Singh, Bogo Singh from Begusarai, and JD(U) MLA Dr Sanjeev Kumar into its fold. In Bihar's Ganga-Sone belt, where Bhumihars constitute 2.86% of the population, their vote can be decisive.

With both sides known for their larger-than-life image and muscle power, Mokama seems set for yet another election where it is not just ballots but dominance and audacity that will shape the outcome.

PK SAYS BJP FORCING HIS CANDIDATES TO OPT OUT OF CONTEST

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

JAN Suraaj Party (JSP) founder Prashant Kishor on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on BJP alleging that three of his party candidates for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections withdrew their nominations under "pressure" from the ruling party. While interacting with the media, Kishor directly named Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, claiming that they obstructed his candidates from contesting the election from three seats—Danapur (Patna), Gopalganj and Brahmapur (Buxar).

"Several of our candidates were stopped from even filing their nominations. So far, three of our candidates have been forced to withdraw under pressure," he added.

He said that a senior physician Dr Shashi Sekhar Sinha, abruptly withdrew his nomination from Gopalganj Sadar, citing 'health reasons'. The decision baffled local political circles as Sinha had actively campaigned for three days.

Danapur seat witnessed the most bewildering incident. Jan Suraaj Party candidate Akhilesh Kumar, alias Mutur Sao, failed to file his nomination papers from the seat on the last day, becoming unreachable for several hours. "Later we learned that he was with Amit Shah," the JSP chief alleged.

In Brahmapur constituency, Dr Satya Prakash Tiwari filed his nomination papers but withdrew it shortly. Similarly, Valmikinagar candidate Dirgh Narayan Prasad's resignation was accepted by bloc education officer about two years ago but now he is being told that his resignation had not been accepted.

At least 30 rebel candidates give NDA, Opposition bloc a headache

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

REBEL and independent candidates may spin the poll arithmetic for both the ruling NDA and the Opposition Mahagathbandhan in the Bihar Assembly elections, scheduled in two phases on November 6 and 11.

Thirty rebels and independents are contesting in the first phase of the Assembly polls. Several aspirants denied tickets have joined smaller outfits like the Jan Suraaj Party of Prashant Kishor or entered the fray as independents.

The nominations of Shashi Bhushan Singh, sitting MLA from Sugauli (East Champaran), and Seema Singh of LJP (Ram Vilas) from Marhaura (Saran), were cancelled due to technical reasons. Singh had filed papers as a Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) candidate — one of the INDIA bloc allies — while LJP (RV) is part of NDA.

Discontent, as per sources, simmers within both alliances. In the NDA, many denied seats have turned rebels. JD(U) MLA Narendra Kumar Neeraj, alias Gopal Mandal, is contesting as an Independent from Gopalpur, which he has represented four times. The JD(U) has fielded former MP Shailesh Kumar, alias Bulo Mandal, from the seat. Similarly, BJP MLA Rashmi Verma is fighting as an Independent from Narkatiaganj.

Several Patna constituencies — Digha, Patna Sahib, Kumharar, Maner, Paliganj, Danapur, Bikram, and Barh—are witnessing intra-alliance resistance. In Digha, BJP MLA Sanjeev Chaurasia faces JD(U) rebel Ritesh Ranjan Singh of Jan Suraaj and CPI(ML) Liberation's Divya Gautam.

In Parihar, Ritu Jaiswal, who had unsuccessfully contested 2020 assembly election, has turned an RJD rebel. She has filed her nomination against RJD's Smita Purbe, daughter-in-law of former RJD state chief Ram Chandra Purbe.

Paraglider from Canada found dead, Australian rescued in HP

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A 27-year-old Canadian paraglider, Megan Elizabeth, was found dead after going missing from the high mountains of the Dhauladhar range, while a 47-year-old Australian paraglider, Jacob, was rescued in the last 48 hours. Over the past five years, 26 paragliding crashes have been reported in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra and Mandi districts, resulting in the deaths of 12 paragliders, including foreign nationals, and leaving several others injured. In some cases, both the pilot and the glider went missing.

Elizabeth had taken off from Billing and was expected to land at Chogan, but she lost her route and crashed at an altitude of about 3,900 m, as she was not familiar with the topography of the Dhauladhar region.

Sources said that her body has been brought to Gaggal Airport and will be handed over to the Canadian Embassy.

FIR against ex-DGP, ex-min wife over son's death

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FORMER Punjab DGP **Mohammad Mustafa**, his wife and former minister Razia Sultana, along with their daughter and daughter-in-law, have been booked for murder and criminal conspiracy by Haryana Police in connection with the death of their 35-year-old son, Aqil Akhter.

An FIR was registered at the MDC police station in Panchkula on October 20 based on a complaint filed by Shamshudeen Chaudhary on October 17, and social media posts by the deceased. Following this, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed to probe the case. Akhter, an advocate at the Punjab and Haryana High Court and resident of Sector 4, MDC, Panchkula, was found dead at his residence on October 16. A postmortem examination was conducted, and the body was handed over to the family, as no foul play was initially suspected.

Chaudhary later held a press conference in Panchkula, pointing to social media posts by Akhter from August that made serious allegations against his family and expressed fears for his life. He showed screenshots from a diary and filed a written complaint with the Panchkula Police, Haryana DGP, and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, calling for a fair investigation.

DCP Srishti Gupta said, "A SIT has been formed to ensure a thorough, impartial, and evidence-based probe without any prejudice, with the aim of ensuring that no guilty person is spared and no innocent person suffers." She added that after Akhter's death, "purportedly viral posts and videos made by the deceased raised concerns about threats to his life and personal disputes".

The police have sent Akhter's viscera samples for forensic examination to identify the substance consumed; the report is expected in two to three months. Akhter is survived by his wife, a homemaker, and their two young children, a five-year-old son and a seven-year-old daughter. His father, Mohammad Mustafa, retired from the Punjab Police in 2021 and later joined the Congress. His mother, Razia Sultana, a former Congress minister, has been elected three times as MLA from Malerkotla.

Akhter was found unconscious at their residence in Sector 4 and rushed to Civil Hospital, Sector 6, Panchkula, where he was declared brought dead.

MP uses chopper-driven technique to protect crops

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh forest department has initiated a helicopter-driven boma technique to capture herds of blackbucks and neelgais and shift them to wildlife sanctuaries and tiger reserves of the state. MP's Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF-Wildlife) L Krishnamoorthy told this newspaper, "The start was made on Monday from Kalapipal area of western MP's Shajapur district, which houses large populations of blackbucks and nilgais, who've become a major destroyer of farmers' standing crops,". Forty-five blackbucks were captured and shifted to the safe zone of the Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary, which is located 275 km away, he added.

Importantly, the Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary which is located in Mandsaur and Neemuch districts of western MP and neighboured by Rajasthan, is the second home to African cheetahs as well as a habitat of more than 35 leopards. Though the exercise wasn't undertaken on Tuesday, it will be resumed on Wednesday, under the guidance of a 15-strong team of experts from South Africa.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that I am investigating the right, title and interest of **Mr. Ganesh B.,** to the immovable property described in the Schedule below and hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property. The aforesaid **Mr. Ganesh B**., have represented to my client **Smt. Pavithra G.,** that he is the owner of the Schedule Property having absolute rights of alienation over the Schedule Property and that none else has any manner of right over the Schedule Property.

Any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, claim or interest over the Schedule Property is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents thereof within **7 (Seven)** days from the date of this notice after which period, our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of any nature whatsoever with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof nor any objection for the purchase of the Schedule Property by my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of Residential Property bearing No.117/4, Old Khatha No.4/1P, Madiwala Notified Area Khatha No.87, BBMP Khatha No. 38/38/ 38/4/1, 117/4, situated at Nyanappanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South (44+48)/2, in all measuring 1380 Sq. feet, and bounded as follows:- East by: Property No. 117/2, West by: Western portion of the same property sold to Ajay Agrawal and Neeru Agrawal, North by: Property No. 117/3, South by: Road.

THEJAS M.R., Advocate
No. 33/2, A P R Enclave, First Floor,
D C Halli Main Road, Kodichikkanahalli,
Bengaluru-560076 PH:7899523252
Email: tejas.gowda0169@gmail.com

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender No. : **e-Tender/GSU/2025/06**, For and on behalf of President of India, the Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-Tender for the following works before 15:00hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15:30 hrs. **Sl. No., Tender No. & Description of Work are as follows : 1. E/KGP/GS/9/ 2025** : Provision of 6m wide FOB (Foot Over Bridge) at Andul & Uluberia Station Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Kharagpur Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 17,74,13,373.75. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 10,37,100/-. **2. E/KGP/GS/11/2025** : Provision of 6m wide FOB (Foot Over Bridge) at Bagnan & Panskura Station Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Kharagpur Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 17,82,57,617.76. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 10,41,300/-. **3. E/KGP/GS/12/2025** : Provision of 2 Nos. 6m wide FOB (Foot Over Bridge) at Mecheda & 1 No. 6m wide FOB (Foot Over Bridge) at Tamluk Station Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Kharagpur Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 42,76,34,279.31. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 22,88,200/-. **Tender Document Cost :** ₹ 0 for each. **Date of Opening:** 07.11.2025 for each. **Completion Period of the work:** 12 months for each. **Bidding Start Date:** from 24.10.2025 and up to 15:00 hrs. on 07.11.2025. Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/descriptions/specifications of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit **"www.ireps.gov.in"** to participate in all tenders. **(PR-747)**

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MYSURU

Com. O.S. No. 192/2023

Plaintiff : Chandan Gramodhyog Represented by Manoj Kumar M.J. **Vs.**

Defendants : Mahesh P.U. College and others

Defendant No. 5:- Mr. Ravindra / Mr. Dinesh M.C. Harsha Mahesh P.U. College,No.193/1, Byraveshwara Nagara, NH-A, Sondekoppa Circle, Nelamangala, Bengaluru.

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT NO. 5 THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the above suit has been filed by the Plaintiff against the Defendants for the relief of recovery of money. The 5th Defendant is intentionally avoiding to receive the summons issued by this Hon'ble Court, as such the 5th Defendant is hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through your Counsel on **10/11/2025 at 11.00 AM** failure of which you will be placed ex-parte and the matter will be proceed with an will be heard in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the day of 30/09/2025 at Mysuru.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer
District & Sessions Court, Mysuru

M.V. UMADEVI Advocate for Plaintiff,
Room No. 4, Pragathi Medical Complex,
9th Cross, Thyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, Mysuru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that our client Sri.Vishwanath Gaonkar S/o late Ganapati Gaonkar is negotiating to purchase the vacant site bearing No.6E, BBMP Khatha bearing No.645/467/58/P1-6E, BBMP E katha PID No.3270881758, formed in residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.58 then Sy.No.58/P1, new Sy No.110, situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, which is morefully described in the schedule below, from its present owners Sri.Ravi V Annigeri S/o Venkappa R Annigeri and Smt.Padmashree Ravi Annigeri, both are residing at Priya residency flat No.008, 7th main, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Puttenahalli Main Road, Bengaluru - 560078. Any person/s, institutions having any objection for the proposed transaction of sale, and any claim in respect of the schedule property may lodged their objection / claim with necessary documents with the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which our client will proceed to complete the sale transaction. Objections received thereafter will not bind to our client whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing No.6E, BBMP Khatha bearing No.645/467/58/P1-6E, BBMP E khatha PID No.3270881758, formed in residentially converted land bearing SY No.58, then SY No.58/P1, New SY No.110, measuring 1 Acer, (Duly converted for Non-Agricultural residential purposes as per order bearing No.B.Dis/ALN/SR(S) 146/2005-06 dated 29-10-2005, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, measuring North by:11.45 Mtrs, South by 9.80 Mtrs, East by 15.31 Mtrs, West by 15.24 Mtrs., I.e., (11.45+9.80 X 15.31+15.24)/2 Sq.Mtrs totally measuring 162.296875 Sq Mtrs (1747 Sq feet), situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, at Bengaluru, property coming under purview of BBMP ward No.196, Anjanapur, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded on. East by: boundary/wall, West by: Site No.6D, North by : Site No.13. South by: Road.

Sri. Prabhakar, & Sri. S. Ravishankar,
Advocates.
No.210/3, 20th Main, Near Siddalingeshwara Theatre, J.P. Nagar, 6th Phase,
Bangalore - 560078.
(M) 6366326121, 9731376635
Date : 21-10-2025

न्यायालय, सब जज प्रथम, पटना।

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श्रीमती प्रभा प्रकाश ....**वादनी**

बनाम

श्री ज्ञान प्रकाश वगैरह ....**प्रतिवादीगण**

नोटिस बनाम

1. ज्ञान प्रकाश पिता स्व. ओम प्रकाश साकिन- मुहल्ला-खजाँची रोड निकट महावीर स्थान थाना-पीरबहोर जिला-पटना। **4. श्री रवि शंकर प्रसाद 5. श्री राजीव रंजन 6. मनीष प्रसाद** (सभी के पिता स्व० सच्चिदानन्द प्रसाद सभी साकिनान-महल्ला-खजांची रोड निकट महावीर स्थान थाना-पीरबहोर जिला-पटना।) **7. श्रीमती विभा प्रसाद** पत्नी वीरेन्द्र प्रसाद, पुत्री स्व० सच्चिदानन्द प्रसाद साकिन- महल्ला बी-105 श्री बाला जी अपार्टमेंट सेक्टर 6 प्लॉट नं०-37 द्वारिका जिला पश्चिमी दिल्ली। **8. श्रीमती शीला देवी** पत्नी स्व० अरविंद कुमार साह, साकिन- महल्ला- खजांची रोड निकट महावीर स्थान थाना-पीरबहोर जिला-पटना। **9. श्रीमती निभा रानी (टुन्नी)** पत्नी राजन प्रसाद एवं पुत्री स्व० डॉ० अरविन्द कुमार, साकिन- लीला नारायण के मकान रोड नं०-6 राजेंद्रनगर पटना-16 । **10. रजनीश कुमार उर्फ़ पिन्टू 11. रितेश कुमार उर्फ़ रिन्टू** दोनों के पिता स्व० डॉ० अरविन्द कुमार साह दोनों साकिनान महल्ला खजाँची रोड निकट महावीर स्थान थाना- पीरबहोर जिला- पटना। **12. श्रीमति राजमनी देवी उर्फ़ मानो** पत्नी इंजीनियर दिनेश्वर प्रसाद एवं पुत्री स्व० गणेश प्रसाद साकिन द्वारा डा० कामेश्वर प्रसाद साकिन सिमडेगा राँची झारखण्ड। **13. मिस बॉबी प्रसाद** पुत्री स्व० शोभा रानी पुत्री स्व० गणेश प्रसाद। **14. मिसेज़ डाली प्रसाद** पुत्री स्व० शोभा रानी पुत्री स्व० गणेश प्रसाद। **15. श्री गौतम प्रसाद** पुत्र शोभा रानी पुत्री स्व० गणेश प्रसाद। **16. मिसेज़ मिनी प्रसाद** पुत्री स्व० शोभा रानी पुत्री गणेश प्रसाद सभी साकिन ब्लॉक बी फ्लॉट नं० 605 ए नेसफंर राजा एपार्टमेंन्ट चिन्ना पालीई और महादेवपुरा, बंगलोर।

इस प्रकाशन नोटीस से आपलोगो को सूचित किया जाता है कि वादी ने आपलोगो के विरुद्ध विभाजन वाद दाखिल किया है जिसमें न्यायालय से आपलोगो को नजारत एवं डाक द्वारा सम्मन नोटीस भेजा जा चुका है फिर भी आपलोग न्यायालय में हाज़िर नही हो सके है, अतः इस प्रकाशन नोटीस के द्वारा आपलोगो को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक **26 माह 11 2025 ई०** को समय **10:30 बजे** आपलोग स्वयं अथवा अपने अधिवक्ता के द्वारा उपस्थित होकर जो जवाब देना हो दे अन्यथा आपके अनुपस्थिती में एकपक्षीय आदेश पारित कर दिया जाएगा इसे आवश्यक समझे।

आज तारीख **14 माह 10 2025** को मेरे दस्तखतव न्यायालय के मोहर से जारी किया गया।

(हस्ताक्षर) **सब जज प्रथम पटना**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ,

ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಘಟಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ.5, ಕೌಜಲಗಿ – 591227. ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ಘಟಕಾನಿ/ವಿ–5/ಡಿಬಿ/ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–10–2025

ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ (ಅಂದಾಜು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ತಯಾರಿಸಲು)

ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಘಟಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ.5, ಕೌಜಲಗಿ – 591227 ಇವರು **ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ,** ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಕಾಫಿ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಡಾ. ಬಿ.ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ವೀಧಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560001 ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಿವರಗಳಂತೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ತೆರಿಗೆಗಳು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ (Excluding all Taxes & GST) ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಮೊಹರಬಂದ ಮಾಡಿದ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಐಟಂಗಳಿಗೆ ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

NAME OF WORKS: Environmental Impact Assessment / Environmental Management Plan Reports and Obtaining Environmental Clearance from MoEF & CC for Shri Chennavrishbendra LIS

Sl. No.	Description of Work	Unit	Rates (in Rs.)
1	Preparation of Form I, PFR and draft ToRs and uploading to MoEF website.	Job	
2	Presentation to EAC and obtaining ToRs from MoEF & CC	Job	
3	Preparation of Final EIA / EMP report and submission to MoEF&CC for obtaining Environmental Clearance.	Job	
4	Presentation to EAC with all the Functional Area Experts and obtaining EC from MoEF&CC.	Job	

ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಮತ್ತು ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿ / ಅನುಭವವುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿವಾರು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ತೆರಿಗೆಗಳು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ (Excluding all Taxes & GST) ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಮೊಹರಬಂದ ಮಾಡಿದ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **30–10–2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ** ಅಂಚೆ ಮೂಲಕವಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿಯಾಗಲಿ ನಿಗದಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯದೊಳಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ತಲುಪುವಂತೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಲು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿಯಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **08334–273211** ಮುಖಾಂತರವಾಗಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಘಟಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ.5, ಕೌಜಲಗಿ.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ/1214/ಅಡ್ವರ್ಟೋರ್/2025–26

Government of Karnataka

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

Directorate of Horticulture, Biocentre, Hulimavu, Bangalore-76.
E-mail: sadh.pn@gmail.com

Short term - Retender

The tender in KPPP no: KSHD/2025-26/IND0120/CALL-2 has been re-invited from dated: 21.10.2025 to 04.11.2025 up to 5.00 pm.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
(Plant Nutrition)

DIPR/CP/3379/AKAR/2025-26

Government of Karnataka

HAVERI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, DEVAGIRI-YALLAPURA, HAVERI-581110

(Autonomous Institution of Government of Karnataka)

ಹಾವೇರಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ದೇವಗಿರಿ-ಯಲ್ಲಾಪುರ, ಹಾವೇರಿ-581110

Website: https://himshaveri.karnataka.gov.in E-mail: tenders.hims.dme@gmail.com

ಸಂ:ಹಿಮ್ಸ್/ಟೆಂಡರ್/11/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18–10–2025

Short Term Re-Tender Notification

The District Surgeon, District Hospital, Haveri. here in after referred to as **The Purchaser** invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for **Drugs and consumables for one year on the basis of Annual rate contract.** The tenderers shall submit tenders in two Bid system procedures as per KTPP Act. The Tenders are required to submit two separate bids, one containing the Earnest money deposit and the details of their capability to undertake the which will be opened first and the second bid containing the price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered project. tenderers can download tender documents from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal

Tender Time table:

01	Tender Number	DHFWS/2025-26/IND1723/CALL-2
02	Tender Uploading Date	18/10/2025
03	EMD Amount	Rs.3,00,000.00
04	Approximate Tender Value	Rs.300.00 Lakhs
05	Pre-bid meeting time and date	24/10/2025, 11.00 AM
06	Last Date and time to upload tender It will be intimated	01/10/2025 4.30 PM
07	Technical Bid Opening Date and time	Date: 02/11/2025 4.30 PM
08	Original Document verification	It will be intimated
09	Date to submit Drugs Samples	It will be intimated to the eligible bidders (Qualified in the technical document verification)
10	Financial Bid Opening Date and time	It will be intimated
11	Officer In-charge and contact details	**Dean and Director, Haveri Institute of Medical Sciences, Haveri. 08375-200015/8660990320**

Sd/-
Dean and Director,
Haveri Institute of Medical Sciences,
Haveri.

dipr/hvr/dipo/464/25-26

SBSI

SWARNABHARATHI SAHAKARA BANK N.,

No.2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070.
Phone No. 080-26762629/30, 41122816

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RE CONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha.,** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of the Properties Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price, EMD Amount Lost date of EMD Submission	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank Date & Time of the Auction
		Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru		
1	**Mr. B. L. Prakash** No.1505, Pipe Line Road, Lakshmi Temple Road, T. Dasarahalli, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560057.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.11, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 35 feet, totally measuring 1050 square feets, situated at Mallasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently known as No.11/301, 12th Cross, Pipe Lane, Mallasandra, now comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on: East: 20 feet Road, West: Remaining property of Same SY. No.62/3, North: Site bearing No.10, South: Site No.12.	Rs.74,85,000/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Only). EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.7,48,500/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only). EMD Date : Date : 24.11.2025 before 5.00 P M	Rs.76,95,000/-(Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Only) due and payable by you as on 21/10/2025, along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.. Date & Time of the Auction 25.11.2025 at 11.30 AM
2	**Smt Geetha Janardhan,** No.78, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Canara Bank Colony, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore-560061	**SCHEDULE "A":** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Minicipal No.10,PID No 6-55-10, situated at Kasturba Nagar, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore, East: Property bearing No.11, West: Cross Road, North: Guttahalli road, South: Property originally belongs to Smt Andalama. Measuring East to West 45 feet, North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2700 sq. ft. **Schedule 'B':** 50% equivalent to 1350 Sq feet of undivided share right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property situated at Kasturba Nagar, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore. **Schedule 'C' :** All that piece and parcel of the 50% of constructed saleable portion of built up area on the Eastern side of the above schedule Property New PID No 6-55-10-1 excluding all common areas, lift space, staircase and open space including 50% of parking area and 50% of terrace area as per the sketch as under:- (a) Ground floor built up area of 1961 sq ft and the developer entitle for 743 Sq ft (b) First floor built up area of 2037.27 sq ft and the developer entitle for 722.60 Sq ft. (c) First floor built up area of 2037.27 sq ft and the developer entitle for 722.60 Sq ft. d) Basement floor parking area of 1762 sq ft available and builder entitle for 598 sq ft.	Rs.2,49,64,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Only) EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.24,96,400/- (Rupees Twenty four Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Four hundred Only) EMD Date: 24.11.2025 before 5.00 P M.	Rs. 1,54,00,000/-(Rupees One Crore Fifty Four Lakh Only). due and payable by you as on 21/10/2025, along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.. Date & Time of the Auction 25.11.2025 at 12.00 PM

Opening Tender & Place of Auction : No. 2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070.

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - (1) The Tender form can be collected from **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha No. 2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070. (Ph. 080-26762629,26762630)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore- payable at Bangalore.** The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice.**(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha Bangalore latest by** mentioned date & time. Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders mentioned date & time. **(8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **" AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and " AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(15)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(16)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers /Guarantors / Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha No. 2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No. (Ph. 080-26762629,26762630) E-Mail: swarnabharathisahakarabank688@yahoo.co.in**

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha No. 2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No. (Ph. 080-26762629,26762630) E-Mail: swarnabharathisahakarabank688@yahoo.co.in**

Date : 21.10.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha

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Department of Prisons and Correctional Services

Tender Notification

1. For details, visit **https://tntenders.gov.in/**
2. Tender are invited by the Director General of Prison and Correctional Services, Chennai – 8 for the supply of raw materials and other miscellaneous articles required for prison industries for the year 2026-2027.
3. The Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost in the website **https://tntenders.gov.in/** from 22.10.2025 to 21.11.2025 upto 10:00 A.M.

Last date and Time for downloading and submission of Tender Documents.

1.	Last Date and Time for downloading of Tender Documents	21.11.2025 upto 10.00 A.M.
2.	Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents	21.11.2025 upto 10.00 A.M.
3.	Last Date and Time opening of Tender Documents	21.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M.

4. Other details are available in Tender Documents.

DIPR.5754/Tender/2025 **(SD) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES_HO_TNPCS**

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA

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Harangi Rehabilitation Division,
Kushalnagara – 571234,
Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District

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Karnataka State.

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 10/2025-26, **Date: 18-10-2025**

(Through KPPP Portal Only-Short term)

Item Rate tenders are invited on e-procurement basis by the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagara, Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for the following work.

Remodeling and Improvements Distributory 1 to 18 of Harangi Left Bank canal under Harangi reservoir project, Approx. amount put to tender Rs. 4153.11 lakhs, The contractors can have access/download e-procurement tender document from **21-10-2025** onwards and last date to submitt the filled tender document is **30-10-2025** till 4.30 PM. Technical bid will be opened **31-10-2025** at 5.00 PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened on after Approval of the Technical Bid. All the information is available on e-procurement portal web-site address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Tender processing fee as stipulated in the e-procurement portal is applicable for the work and stipulated period for completion of the work is 24 Months (Including monsoon season & Watering period) Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Executive Engineer,
Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamitha
Kushalanagar, Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District – 571234, Karnataka

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Head Office: "Sahakara Sadana", No.63/67, 24th Cross,
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AUCTION SALE NOTICE

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ISSUED UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited Bangalore had taken possession of the house properties described hereunder mortgaged to the Bank by way of security for repayment of immovable Property Loan availed by the respective borrowers mentioned here below, Notice of Auction of the secured assets is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the public in general, under Rules 8 & 9 of Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Details of the borrower, property, reserve price, etc, are as below

Sl No.	Borrower/s Name Branch Name	Property Address	Reserve Price & Amount Due to Bank	Public Auction Date, Time & Place
	CANTONMENT BRANCH			
1	Smt. Ballary Sravanthi, Residing at No. 1202, 1st Floor, "Pristine Meadows", M S Nagar, Agrahara Badavane Road, Thirumenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru 560 064.	SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Survey No.3/2 measuring 01 Acres 04 Guntas, Khata No.129/3/2, Ward No. 5, Jakkur Sub Division, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring 01 Acres 04 Guntas, equivalent to 47,916 Square Feet, converted from agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose, vide the Order dated 30.05.2016, in Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(NAY)SR171/2015-16, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Thirumenahalli,Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto and Bounded on the East by: Land belonging to Mr.Ramachandrappa, West by: Presently land bearing Sy. No.3/1, belonging to Sri.M Srinivas, North by: Land belonging to Sri.Dasarahalli Nanjundappa and South by: Panchayat Road. SCHEDULE – 'B' PROPERTY (Description of Undivided Share agreed to be conveyed) 525 Square Feet of undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Composite Schedule A above. SCHEDULE – 'C' PROPERTY (Description of the Flat agreed to be conveyed) Residential apartment bearing No.1202, in the 1st Floor, measuring a total super built area of 1278 square feet consisting of 2 bed rooms in the multistoried residential apartment building known as "PRISTINE MEADOWS", Block-1 constructed over the Schedule "A" property inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area, (including half portion in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the apartment and floors of the apartment above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing as per specification appended hereto with separate electricity, common water and sanitation, including all rights, title and interest, privileges, appurtenances together with one covered car parking slot.	Reserve Price ₹ 52,36,918.00 Amount Due as on 04.11.2025 is ₹53,09,527.00	04.11.2025 at 11.30 am at your premises Residential apartment bearing Flat No.1202, 1st Floor, Pristine Meadows, M S Nagar, Agrahara Badavane Road, Thirumenahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore.
2	Smt. Sujatha Karan Sri. Karunakaran S Apartment bearing No.5/9, (Old No. FF-103), (No.204)"HIGH RISE SPLENDOUR APARTMENTS", Cassurina Street, Bharathinagar, Bengaluru-560 042	SCHEDULE `A` PROPERTY: Immovable property of BBMP Khatha No.5 (Old No. 4,5 & 5/1), PID No.80-32-5, New PID No. 091-W0040-2, situated at Cassurina Street, Bharathinagar, ward No.80, now known as Cassurina Street, ward No.91, Bharathinagar Bangalore, Measuring: in all measuring 5549 Sq.feet including the passage (5147.11 Sq.ft + passage 401.89 Sq.feet). Bounded:- East by : Private Property, West by: Cassurina Street and private Property, North by: Pettigrew Street and private Property, South by: Private Property SCHEDULE `B` PROPERTY 270 Sq.feet of undivided right, title and interest and ownership in Schedule "A" Property. SCHEDULE `C` PROPERTY (Description of the Apartment) All that piece and parcel of the residential flat/ Apartment bearing No.5/9, (Old No. FF-103), (now numbered as No.204) situated on the First Floor of the building known as "HIGH RISE SPLENDOUR APARTMENTS" constructed in the Schedule "A" property, having a super built up area of 1200 sq.feet with RCC roofing, vitrified tiles flooring and wooden doors and windows. The Flat/Apartment is provided with water, electricity and sanitary connection and one car parking space in the stilt floor of the building.	Reserve Price ₹ 78,30,000.00 Amount Due as on 19.11.2025 is ₹ 82,17,768.00	19.11.2025 at 11.30 am at the premises of the Bank "Sahakara Sadana" No.63/67, 24th cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru 560 053.
3	Smt. Honnamma Sri. Ayyappa P No.11/B, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Near Mini Tajmahal, Ramamurthynagar, Dooravaninagar, Bangalore 560 016	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.11/B, Khatha No.1512/11/B, Property No.12/2 situated at Vijinapura, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, (Formerly Bangalore South Taluk), now comes under BBMP limits, Bangalore. Measuring East to West : 30 feet, North to South: 24 feet In all measuring 720 sq.ft, Bounded on East by : 20 Feet wide road West by : Property No.12/1 North by : Site No.12, belongs to Bhaskar South by : Site No.11/A	Reserve Price ₹ 69,36,000.00 Amount Due as on 21.11.2025 is ₹ 49,53,272.00	21.11.2025 at 11.30 am at your premises property bearing Site No.11/B, Khatha No.1512/11/B, Property No.12/2 situated at Vijinapura, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore.

Place of Auction: At the places mentioned in column no. 5

Date of Auction: As per details in column No.5 above and 'AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION'

Terms and Conditions:

1. To participate in the Auction, the intending bidders have to deposit a sum of Rs.25000-00 by way of DD as EMD favoring The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bengalore payable at Bangelore on the date of Auction before 10.30am.
2. The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount immediately on the same day and the balance of 75% within 15 days in single installment by way of DD as stated above. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of sale in any manner, the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount.
3. All other liabilities charges and expenses like legal charges, stamp duty, registration fee/cost etc. shall be borne by the purchaser only.
4. On receipt of the entire bid amount and on confirmation of sale the undersinged shall issue a Certificate of Sale in favor of the purchaser in the form given in the aforesaid Act.
5. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders would be returned without interest immediately on conclusion of the Auction.
6. The Undesigned shall have powers to include or exclude or accept or reject bids or postpone/ cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof including addition or deletion of other terms.
7. For inspection of the property and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at Head Office during office hours between 10.00 AM and 5.00PM.
8. For further details contact The Assistant Manager of the Bank.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 17.10.2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,
Bengaluru

£3 million
in music memorabilia, including oasis guitars, up for UK auction

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	32	19	SNY
Colombo	29	25	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	33	25	TDS	Moscow	28	13	SNY
Dubai	44	28	SNY	New York	26	15	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	23	13	SNY
London	20	13	SNY	Washington	26	14	SNY

Vance says Gaza truce exceeds expectations

He met Netanyahu, visited a US-Israel cooperation center, and will meet hostages' families

TEL AVIV

US Vice President JD Vance and other envoys projected optimism on Tuesday about Gaza 's fragile ceasefire agreement, calling progress better than anticipated as they visited a new center in Israel for civilian and military cooperation.

Vance noted flareups of violence in recent days but said the ceasefire that began on October 10 is going "better than I expected" after two years of war between Israel and Hamas. The Trump administration's Middle East envoy, Steve Witkoff, added that "we are exceeding where we thought we would be at this time." They are in Israel as questions remain over the long-term plan for peace, including whether Hamas will disarm,

US Vice President JD Vance arrives at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv | AP

when and how an international security force will deploy to Gaza and who will govern the territory after the war.

Vance tried to downplay any idea that his visit — his first as vice president — was urgently arranged to keep the ceasefire in place. He said he feels "confident that we're going to be in a place where this peace lasts," but warned that if Hamas doesn't cooperate, it will be "obliterated." Jared Kushner, US President Donald Trump's son-in-law and one of the architects of the ceasefire agreement, noted its complexity: "Both sides are transitioning from two years of very intense warfare to now a peacetime posture." Vance is expected to stay in the region until Thursday and meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other officials.

On Tuesday, Netanyahu fired his national security adviser, Tzachi Hanegbi, but gave no reason for the decision. Israeli media said Hanegbi had opposed the renewal of Israel's Gaza offensive in March, and Israel's failed attempt to assassinate Hamas' leadership in an airstrike in Qatar in September.

In a statement, Hanegbi noted "times of disagreement" with Netanyahu.The ceasefire took effect on October 10. While it has been tested by Sunday's fighting and mutual accusations of violations, both Israel and Hamas have said they are committed to the deal. Trump has made clear he wants it to succeed. The head of Egypt's intelligence agency, Maj Gen. Hassan Rashad, traveled to Israel on Tuesday to meet with Netanyahu, Witkoff and others over the ceasefire's implementation, according to Netanyahu's office. The meetings highlight the urgency of launching negotiations for the second phase of the US plan, which must address issues such as the disarmament of Hamas and the governance of postwar Gaza. *AP*

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 744

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Sarkozy begins 5-year campaign finance sentence

PARIS

FORMER French President Nicolas Sarkozy entered a prison in Paris on Tuesday to begin serving a 5-year sentence for a criminal conspiracy to finance his 2007 election campaign with funds from Libya — a historic moment that makes him the first ex-leader of modern France to be imprisoned.

Sarkozy, 70, was greeted by hundreds of supporters when he walked out of his Paris home earlier in the day hand-in-hand with his wife, supermodel-turned-singer Carla Bruni-Sarkozy. He embraced her before getting into a police car. Minutes later, the vehicle passed through the gates of the notorious La Santé prison — where Sarkozy will now serve his sentence in solitary confinement.

Nicolas Sarkozy

Sarkozy was convicted last month for criminal conspiracy in a scheme to finance his 2007 election campaign with funds from Libya. He contests both the conviction and a judge's unusual decision to incarcerate him pending appeal. His lawyers said Tuesday that they filed an immediate request for his release.

"It's an ominous day for him, for France and for our institutions, because this incarceration is a disgrace," Sarkozy's lawyer Jean-Michel Darrois told reporters soon after his incarceration. In a show of defiance and while on his way to the prison, Sarkozy released a statement on social media declaring that "an innocent man" was being locked up.

"I will continue to denounce this judicial scandal," he wrote. "The truth will prevail."

Sarkozy told Le Figaro newspaper that he would bring three books in prison — the maximum allowed — including Alexandre Dumas' "The Count of Monte Cristo, in which the hero escapes from an island prison before seeking revenge. He also picked a biography of Jesus Christ.

"I'm not afraid of prison. I'll hold my head high, including in front of the doors of La Santé," he told La Tribune Dimanche newspaper last week.

"I'll fight till the end." Sarkozy has repeatedly said he is the victim of "a plot" staged by some people linked to the Libyan government and denounced the September 25 verdict as a "scandal."Sarkozy's lawyers said he will be kept away from all other prisoners for security reasons. They said he packed a bag with a few sweaters because the prison is cold and earplugs because it's noisy. Christophe Ingrain, another of Sarkozy's lawyers, denounced "a serious injustice."

"It's a very difficult time, but the president has stood strong," Ingrain said. *AP*

ARMY KILLING

Pak's 10 crore bounty on TTP commander

PESHAWAR

PAKISTAN's Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government on Tuesday announced a bounty of PKRs 10 crore on the head of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) commander Kazim, believed to be involved in the recent killing of a Lt Col and a Major of the army.

Kazim, who hails from Kurram district, was also behind attacks on military convoys heading to Parachinar and passenger vehicles belonging to the Shia community, an official of the district administration said. He is also accused of plotting an assassination attempt on Kurram Deputy Commissioner Javedullah Mehsud.

A clear and recent photograph of the wanted militant has been released for the first time, sources said. The decision to fix such a high bounty reflects the provincial government's resolve to ensure his arrest or elimination, they added. The government has also placed heavy bounties on three other militants associated with Kazim. Meanwhile, in Bannu district, three police personnel were abducted and later recovered in separate incidents over the past three days, sparking fear among locals.

Sanae Takaichi elected Japan's first female PM

TOKYO

JAPAN's parliament elected ultraconservative Sanae Takaichi as the country's first female prime minister Tuesday, a day after her struggling party struck a coalition deal with a new partner expected to pull her governing bloc further to the right.

Takaichi replaces Shigeru Ishiba, ending a three-month political vacuum and wrangling since the Liberal Democratic Party's disastrous election loss in July. Ishiba, who lasted only one year as prime minister, resigned with his Cabinet earlier in the day, paving the way for his successor. Takaichi won 237 votes — four more than a majority — compared to 149 won by Yoshikoko Noda, the head of

Sanae Takaichi

the largest opposition party, the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan.

The vote took place in the lower house, the more powerful of Japan's two chambers of parliament and the one that chooses the prime minister. As the results were announced, Takaichi stood up and bowed deeply.

While Takaichi made history by becoming the first leader of a country where men still largely hold sway, she has not promoted gender equality or diversity. An admirer of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Takaichi is among the Japanese politicians who have stonewalled measures for women's advancement. She supports the imperial family's male-only succession and opposes same-sex marriage and allowing separate surnames for married couples.

And despite a pledge to drastically increase the number of women in the Cabinet, she appointed only two woman ministers — Satsuki Katayama as finance minister and Kimi Onoda as economic security minister. "The birth of Japan's first female prime minister is epoch-making, but (Takaichi) casts a dark cloud over gender equality and sexual minority rights," Soshi Matsuoka, a LGBTQ+ rights activist, said. "Prime Minister Takaichi's views on gender and sexuality are extremely conservative and could be a serious setback for the rights especially for sexual minorities."

However, some felt that her breaking the glass ceiling in politics was an important marker of progress in itself.

Takayuki Eguchi, a 62-year-old Tokyo resident, was doubtful that a woman would even be able to get the votes. He celebrated her achievement by collecting a free special newspaper edition distributed on Tuesday. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

535KM SEA WALL PLANNED TO PROTECT JAVA

Prabowo Subianto announced plans to construct a 535-kilometer Giant Sea Wall along Java's north coast to protect 50 million people from rising sea levels of about 5 cm per year. Speaking at a Plenary Cabinet Session, he said the project will safeguard 60 percent of national industry and vital rice fields. Part of the administration's National Strategic Programs, the sea wall will be funded through Public-Private Partnerships and international cooperation. Though planned since 1995, Prabowo stressed the project must start now, even if completion falls under a future presidency.

TEEN TO BE CHARGED WITH MURDER

The AGC will charge a 14-year-old boy with the murder of 16-year-old Yap Shing Xuen, who was fatally stabbed at her Bandar Utama school last week. The case will be heard at Petaling Jaya Magistrates Court on October 22, following a thorough investigation that found sufficient grounds for the murder charge against the young suspect.

THAILAND

THAI-CAMBODIA SPL BORDER MEETING HELD

Thailand and Cambodia began a two-day special Joint Border Commission meeting in Chanthaburi to address Cambodian encroachment in Sa Kaeo's Ban Nong Chan and Ban Nong Ya Kaew. Led by former ambassador Prasat Prasatwinijchai, the Thai delegation included officials from the Foreign Ministry, armed forces, and other agencies. Cambodia was represented by Lam Chea and senior ministers and provincial governors. The meeting focused on encroachments rather than border demarcation and aligns with broader border management talks.

EXPRESS READ

Belize signs 'safe third country' deal with US

MEXICO CITY: The small Central American nation of Belize has signed a "safe third country" agreement with the United States, the two sides said on Monday, as the Trump administration seeks to ramp up deportations and dissuade migration north. What the agreement entails wasn't immediately clear, but it comes as US President Donald Trump has increasingly pressured countries in Latin America and Africa to help him carry out his immigration agenda. The deal appears to be similar to one with Paraguay announced by the US State Department in August that included a "safe third country" agreement in which asylum seekers currently in the US could pursue protections in the South American nation.

Putin-Trump summit on Ukraine on hold after Rubio, Lavrov talks

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's plan for a swift meeting with Russian leader Vladimir Putin is on hold, a US official said Tuesday, the latest twist in his stop-and-go effort to resolve the war in Ukraine.

The meeting was announced last week and was supposed to take place in Budapest, Hungary, in the near future. However, the idea was paused after a call between US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, according to the official, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The decision to hold off on a meeting between Trump and Putin will likely relieve European leaders, who have accused Putin of stalling for time with diplomacy while trying to gain ground on the battlefield.

The leaders — including the British prime minister, French president and German chancellor — said they opposed any push to make Ukraine surrender land captured by Russian forces in return for peace, as Trump has occasionally suggested.

They also plan to push forward with plans to use billions of dollars in frozen Russian assets to help fund Ukraine's war efforts, despite some misgivings about the legality and consequences of such a step.

Trump has not yet commented publicly about the change in plans for his meeting with Putin. They previously met in Alaska in August, but the encounter did not advance Trump's stalled attempts to end a war that began almost four years ago. The Kremlin didn't seem to be in a rush to get Trump and Putin together again either. Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said Tuesday that "preparation is needed, serious preparation" before a meeting.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been trying to strengthen Ukraine's position by seeking long-range Tomahawk missiles from the US, although Trump has waffled on whether he would provide them.

"We need to end this war, and only pressure will lead to peace," Zelenskyy said Tuesday in a Telegram post. *AP*

Kids walk along a dark residential street in Ukraine during a rolling blackout | AP

Winter blackouts loom as Russia targets Kyiv's grids

SHOSTKA

AS the lights went out in her hometown, 40-year-old Zinaida Kot could not help but think about her next dialysis treatment for kidney disease. Without electricity, the machine that keeps her alive stops working.

Kot is among millions of Ukrainians who are bracing for another winter of power cuts and possibly blackouts as Russia renewed its campaign of attacks on the country's energy grid. Analysts and officials say that this year Moscow has shifted tactics, targeting specific regions and gas infrastructure.

In some regions — mostly those closer to the front line in the east — the season of buzzing generators has started, as well as long hours of darkness with no power or water.

People are once again pulling out small power stations, charging numerous power banks, and storing bottles of water in their bathrooms.

The attacks have grown more effective as Russia launches hundreds of drones, some equipped with cameras that improve targeting, overwhelming air defenses — especially in regions where protection is weaker. The consequences are already reshaping daily life — especially for those whose survival depends on electricity. For Zinaida Kot, who has been on dialysis for seven years, this is far worse than mere discomfort.

"It is bad. We really worry when there is no electricity," she said from her hospital bed, connected to a dialysis machine powered by a generator that staff call "not reliable enough." "If there's no treatment, I would die. I would not exist." The crisis in Shostka reflects Russia's shifting strategy. Moscow hit Ukraine's grid with missiles in 2022–23; now targets regions. *AP*

Don hosts GOP as shutdown hits week four

WASHINGTON

HEAD START programmes for preschoolers nationwide are scrambling for federal funds. The federal agency tasked with overseeing the US nuclear stockpile has begun furloughing its 1,400 employees. Thousands more federal workers are going without paychecks.

But as President Donald Trump welcomed Republican senators for lunch in the newly renovated Rose Garden Club — with construction underway on the new White House ballroom — he portrayed a different vision of America as a unified GOP refuses to yield to Democratic demands for health care funds, and the government shutdown drags on. "We have the hottest country anywhere in the world, which tells you about leadership," Trump said in opening remarks, extolling the renovations underway as senators took their seats in the newly-paved over garden-turned patio. It was a festive atmosphere under crisp but sunny autumn skies as Trump's favored songs — "YMCA" and "You Can't Always Get What You Want" — played over the new sound system. *AP*

British woman saved by UK-Indonesia repatriation deal

JAKARTA

A British woman will avoid execution for drug smuggling in Indonesia under an agreement signed Tuesday between the two nations to repatriate her and another Briton serving a life sentence.

Lindsay Sandiford, 68, has been imprisoned on Bali since 2012. She was arrested at the resort island's airport after authorities found 3.8 kilograms (8.4 pounds) of cocaine worth $2.5 million hidden in the lining of her suitcase.

During the trial, she said she was forced to carry the drugs by a gang that threatened her children. She was sentenced to die

UK Ambassador to Indonesia Dominic Jermey and Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for Legal, Human Rights, Yusril Ihza Mahendra show the document on transfer of sentenced British prisoners in Jakarta, Indonesia | AP

by firing squad and Indonesia's highest court upheld it in 2013.

Another prisoner, Shahab Shahabadi, 35, has been serving a life sentence since 2014. He was arrested in Jakarta as a result of an investigation into an international drug trafficking network. He had previously sent 30 kilograms of methamphetamine powder in several shipments from Iran to his partner for distribution in Jakarta, before finally arriving in Jakarta himself, prosecutors said. "Both of them are facing problems. The first one is ill and has been examined by a doctor from the British Consulate in Bali. She is seriously ill and is 68 years old," said Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Yvette Cooper. She signed the repatriation agreement with Indonesia's Senior Minister of Law Yusril Ihza Mahendra.

Mahendra said the transfer will occur after both countries complete formalities. *AP*

Russian-linked saboteurs held in Poland, Romania

WARSAW: A Ukrainian citizen allegedly working for Russian intelligence services as part of a sabotage campaign was detained in Poland, while two others were arrested in Romania, prosecutors said Tuesday. Prosecutors said the individuals acting on behalf of the Russian intelligence services were allegedly preparing acts of sabotage involving the sending of shipments containing explosives and incendiary materials to Ukraine, which were intended to spontaneously combust or explode during transport. The aim was to intimidate populations and destabilize EU supporters of Ukraine, Polish prosecutors said; two more suspects were detained in Romania.

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IT sector sees minor rise in hiring, faster AI adoption

Companies invest heavily in AI, machine learning, cloud computing

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

INDIA'S information technology (IT) companies have seen a marginal uptick in recruitment in the second quarter (Q2) as they double down on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies.

An analysis of the earnings calls of the top five IT firms reveals that while hiring is yet to regain pre-pandemic momentum, companies are investing heavily in AI, machine learning (ML), and cloud computing to prepare for the sector's evolving dynamics.

Except for industry leader Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), most top-tier IT firms — including Infosys, Wipro, HCLTech, and Tech Mahindra — reported an increase in headcount during Q2, largely through onboarding fresh graduates. Active job openings in the sector, however, declined from around 96,000 before the results to 92,000 currently, according to data from staffing companies.

Infosys led the pack with a net addition of 8,023 employees in the second half and more than 12,000 freshers onboarded in the first half of FY26.

The company has now raised its full-year hiring target to 20,000 freshers, up from 15,000 earlier. HCL Tech added 3,489 employees in the quarter, including 5,196 freshers, while Wipro reported a net addition of 2,260. Tech Mahindra's workforce rose modestly, with a net addition of just over 600 employees.

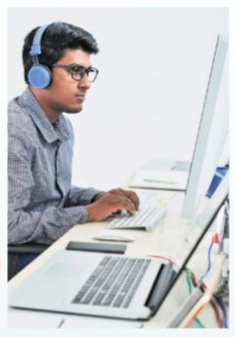
In contrast, Tata Consultancy Services recorded the sharpest contraction, with its headcount falling by 20,000 in the second quarter to 593,314. The company attributed the decline to voluntary attrition and a strategic release of about 1% of its staff due to a "skill and capability mismatch."

Hiring across the sector remains moderate and selective, said Kamal Karanth, co-founder of staffing firm Xpheno. "The Q2 results have not majorly impacted the active demand volume in the IT sector. The current demand is just 4% lower than the pre-results level. With a slight dip in demand from software product firms, startups, and IT services companies, active openings have settled at 92,000," he said.

According to Aditya Narayan Mishra, CEO and MD of CIEL HR Services, large IT firms are hiring selectively in growth verticals such as AI, cloud, and digital transformation while optimising headcount in traditional service lines. "This is not a slowdown but a structural recalibration," he said. Reskilling remains a key priority for IT companies. Infosys, for instance, has been aggressively training employees through its AI-first suite, Infosys Topaz. The platform has more than 2,500 GenAI projects and 200 AgenticAI projects, with over 90% of its workforce now trained in AI.

EMPLOYEE ADDITIONS

INFOSYS, WIPRO, HCLTECH, AND TECH MAHINDRA REPORTED AN INCREASE IN HEADCOUNT DURING Q2



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UNANIMOUS DECISION

Tata Trusts reappoints Venu Srinivasan

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

TATA Trusts, which owns and controls the $180-billion Tata empire, has 'unanimously' reappointed Venu Srinivasan, chairman emeritus of the TVS Group, as a trustee for life.

With the reappointment of Srinivasan, 73, ahead of his term expiring on October 23, the focus now shifts to the upcoming decision on Mehli Mistry, whose trusteeship expires on October 28.

The development comes amid reports of a vertical split within Tata Trusts, with one faction aligning with Noel Tata, who took over as chairman following Ratan Tata's death, and the other comprising loyalists of the former doyen.

Venu Srinivasan

Mehli Mistry is the younger brother late Cyrus Mistry and Noel is married to their sister Aloo Mistry. Mehli was brought on board by Ratan Tata during the crisis following Cyrus Mistry's sacking in October 2016.

"Renewal and fresh appointment is required to be unanimous according to past practice of the trusts. Renewal, after which it will be for life, requires unanimous approval," a source said, quoting a 2024 board meeting decision.

Domestic markets kick off Samvat 2082 on positive note

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity markets kicked off Samvat 2082 on a positive note after wrapping up Samvat 2081 with a modest gain. In the last Samvat, which ended on Monday (October 20, 2025), the BSE Sensex jumped 4,974.31 points or 6.26%, and the Nifty climbed 1,637.8 points or 6.76%.

During the symbolic one-hour Muhurat trading session on Tuesday which marks the start of the new Samvat, the Sensex ended 62.97 points, or 0.07%, higher at 84,426.34, while the NSE Nifty 50 settled 25.45 points, or 0.10%, higher at 25,868.60.

The key highlight of Samvat 2081 was sluggish earnings growth, tariff uncertainties under the Trump administration and foreign institutional investor (FII) selling.

All these factors dominated the bearish sentiment for most of the Samvat, prompting investors to allocate funds in other emerging markets or safe havens like gold and silver. Gold and silver jumped more than 60% and 68%, respectively, in Samvat 2081 after rising over 30% each in Samvat 2080.

VK Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Investments, said that even though there are many reasons, including Trump tariffs, for India's underperformance, the single major factor is the sharp decline in India's earnings growth to 5% in FY 25 from an average of 24% during the three years before that.

He stated that the fiscal and monetary reforms implemented this year have started showing results.

Particularly, the sales of automobiles and white goods have shot up early this festive season and, if this trend sustains, earnings growth will be good at around 8 to 10% in FY 26, accelerating to around 15 % in FY 27.

"If this expectation materialises, the market will rally in Samvat 2082 compensating for the underperformance of Samvat 2081. In the short run, the market may get a leg up from a possible India-US trade deal, but the long-term trend will be dictated by earnings growth," added Vijayakukat.

Among sectoral indices, Nifty Bank, PSU Bank and Auto indices closed with double-digit gains, thanks to the RBI's dovish policy and GST rate cut by the GST council. In contrast, IT, energy, FMCG, and realty indices witnessed declines.

Sept MTF book of brokerages hit record ₹1.02L cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE margin trade funding (MTF) book of brokerages hit a record high in September this year, crossing ₹1.02 trillion (₹1.02 lakh cr) from ₹0.85 trillion in the same month last year

As much as 95% of the volume is on the NSE, thanks to the high liquidity that the bourse offers in comparison to the much older BSE. On an annualised basis, the growth rate plummeted from 105.2% last year to just 18.8%. Such a high MTF book is in spite of the fact that September saw an 18.8% fall in average daily turnover to ₹437 trillion, down from ₹537 trillion in the same month last year, as per an analysis of the Sebi by Care Ratings, which said total average MTF book rose from ₹0.85 trillion in September 2024 to ₹1.02 trillion in September 2025. The 12 months period showed a steady upward trajectory barring the first quarter when the market was too volatile. This is a Sebi-regulated leverage product that allows an investor to purchase listed shares by paying only a fraction of the trade value with the balance being funded by brokers.

India-UK FTA: MPEDA calls on seafood industry to seize opportunities

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THE Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has called on India's seafood industry to seize the new opportunities opened up by the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), particularly in value addition, skill development, and sustainable production.

Speaking at stakeholder awareness meetings in Chennai and Visakhapatnam last week, MPEDA Chairman DV Swamy, said the recently signed CETA marks "a significant milestone" for India's marine exports, with 99% of tariff lines now enjoying zero-duty access in the UK. This, he said, would "enhance the competitiveness of Indian seafood in one of its most lucrative markets".

Under the pact, key export products such as Vannamei shrimp, black tiger shrimp, squid, pomfret, and lobster will benefit from duty-free entry. India exported marine products worth $7.45 billion in 2024-25, with shipments to the UK totalling 16,082 tonnes valued at $104.43 million. Shrimp accounted for 77% of these exports, followed by frozen fish and squid.

The Chennai meeting saw participation from senior officials including Devasenapathy, Secretary, Coastal Aquaculture Authority; Praveen Kumar, Director, Department of Commerce; Alex Paul Menon, Development Commissioner, MPEZ-SEZ; Sunanda Tewari, Head of Trade & Investment Law, CTIL; and representatives from the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) and the Export Inspection Agency. A similar session was held in Vizag with participation from exporters across Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

Officials said the agreement could potentially double India's seafood exports to the UK in the coming years, as the industry shifts toward higher value-added processing and greater compliance with sustainability standards, a release stated.

India, Russia in talks to resolve several non-tariff issues

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

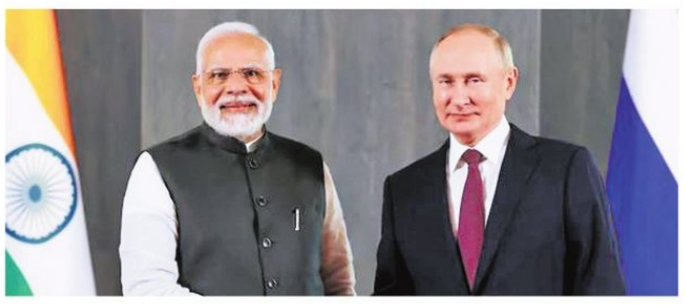
AS India plans to take a step forward towards free trade agreement (FTA) talks with the Moscow-led Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), both the countries are in active dialogue to address several non-tariff issues, confirmed a source from the Ministry of Commerce. From challenges in listings to complex certification and testing requirements, Indian exporters continue to face challenges while tapping the Russian market.

The source also confirmed that Russia has shown a keen interest in terms of having an FTA and thus, both the sides are speeding up on the discussions. India is pushing hard for resolving the non-trade issues without which there is minimal chance of increased trade even if a deal is done.

"The challenges include listing, certain compliance requirements and also obtaining approvals for agricultural and marine processing or export facilities," said the official aware of the matter.

India has identified over 65 non-tariff measures (NTM) affecting its trade with Russia, primarily in areas of marine and agricultural exports. Key issues include approval of export units for products like shrimp, as well as other certifications and streamlined procedures needed to export goods.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) also identified complex certification and



testing requirements , language and documentation barriers, limited market access for agri and pharma products and financial and payment issues as some of the major non-tariff issues affecting the Indian exporters to tap the Russian market.

"Russian authorities often mandate conformity with local (EAEU) standards, even for globally certified products. Also, all product documentation, packaging, and manuals must be in Russian, creating additional compliance cost," said S C Ralhan, President, FIEO.

He also asserted that due to sanctions, there are restrictions on payments, banking channels, and currency conversion risks. Also non-recognition of Indian standards for several products in the agri, pharma sector has become particularly challenging.

With increasing numbers of Vostro accounts, India is particularly looking for avenues to tap the export market in Russia, else the trade deficit between India and Russia will continue to grow.

India's trade deficit with Russia has grown by more than 3.6% from $56.89 billion in 2023-24 to $58.96 billion in 2024-25 as the imports rose to $63.84 billion from $61.159 billion, with exports remaining below $5 billion.

India and Eurasian Economic Union sign Terms of Reference to launch FTA negotiations in August.

Daily UPI payments volume soars 30% on Diwali spending spree

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE ubiquitous the real-time digital payment platform, unified payments interface (UPI), continues its dominance, with transactions during the Dhanteras-to-Diwali period rising at a faster pace than any other mode of payment.

The average UPI volume during this period jumped to 736.9 million or ₹87,569 crore each day from 568 million a year ago, registering a 30% growth in transaction count.

However, in value terms, the growth has been just 2.7% to ₹87,569 crore each day from

₹75,801 crore, according to the latest NPCI data. It suggests that low-ticket retail and merchant payments now make up the larger share of overall digital transactions.

UPI transactions have tripled in the past four years—from 245.4 million in 2022 to 420.5 million in 2023 and further to 568.4 million in 2023 and to 736.9 million in 2025 so far, while the total transaction value has more than doubled to ₹87,569 crore, up from ₹75,801 crore during this period last year.

In comparison, during the 2022 Diwali season, the value of UPI payments stood at ₹43,785 crore, which more than doubled to ₹87,569 crore this year.

The record-breaking Diwali numbers are part of a larger trend of UPI's exponential growth, with monthly transactions in October 2024 printing in at ₹23.50 trillion across 16.58 billion transactions.

ASIANOMICS

TAIWAN

SEPT EXPORT ORDERS SHARPLY BEAT FORECASTS

Taiwan's export orders rose more than expected in September, increasing for the eighth consecutive month, as the island's growth as an essential hub for the artificial intelligence (AI) industry offset worries about US tariffs. Export orders in September rose 30.5% from a year earlier to $70.22 billion, the Ministry of Economic Affairs said on Tuesday, surpassing analysts' expectations for a 17.8% rise. Orders for goods from Taiwan, home to the world's largest contract chipmaker TSMC (2330.TW), opens new tab and other tech companies, are considered a bellwether of global technology demand. A tariff rate of 20% has been imposed on Taiwan's exports by US Trump administration. Taiwan government has said the 20% tariff is "temporary" as it continues to negotiate with the US for more favourable rates. Uncertainties like global trade policy and geopolitical risks continue to weigh on global trade momentum, the ministry said.

CHINA

ECONOMY SLOWS ON TRADE WAR, WEAK DEMAND

China's economic growth slowed to the weakest pace in a year in the third quarter as fragile domestic demand left it reliant on humming of its exporting factories, stoking concerns about deepening structural imbalances. While 4.8% growth rate met expectations and kept China on track to reach its target of 5% this year, the economy's dependence on external demand at a time of mounting trade tensions with Washington raises questions over whether that pace can be sustained. Beijing may be using the headline resilience in growth as a show of strength in talks between its vice premier He Lifeng and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent in Malaysia in coming days and a potential meeting between presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping in South Korea later. Still, that export strength belies weakness on home turf.

SOUTH KOREA

EXPORTS FALL 7.8% IN OCTOBER

South Korea's economy is showing further signs of weakness, with new data revealing a significant drop in exports for the start of October. Despite this, the Bank of Korea (BOK) is overwhelmingly expected to hold interest rates steady at its meeting this week, prioritising financial stability over immediate stimulus. Preliminary data from the customs agency on Monday showed that for the first 20 days of October, exports fell 7.8% year-on-year. With imports declining by 2.3%, the period registered a trade deficit of $2.85 billion, highlighting the strain on the nation's export-driven economy. This weak data, however, is unlikely to trigger an immediate policy response. A Reuters poll of 35 economists found that 33 expect the BOK to keep its base rate unchanged at 2.50% on Thursday, October 23. Analysts suggest the central bank is currently more focused on risks from the overheated housing market and high household debt.

US tariffs to hit exports but GST cuts to cushion impact: RBI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank has warned of the adverse impacts on the economy from the ongoing trade war with the US. However, the banking regulator said the positive impact of the goods and services tax rate cuts will cushion the overall economy.

The GST rate cuts are expected to boost domestic demand and output, which may mitigate the adverse impact of the US tariffs, the RBI said in its October bulletin.

The analysts of the bulletin describe the US tariffs as a "supply-side shock", which will have more adverse impact on the US rather than its trading partners.

"In the US, higher tariffs are likely to function as a supply-side shock, gradually passing through to consumer prices and pushing inflation higher in the latter half of 2025. In contrast, higher tariffs are expected to dampen export demand and thereby exert downward pressure on inflation in other regions," the bulletin said.

The full impact of the higher tariffs—25% standard duties on all goods from August 7 and an additional 25% penal charges on all goods for New Delhi buying the partly discounted Russian oil from August 27, takes the applicable duties on Indian goods shipped to the US bearing the highest tariffs along with Brazilian shipments. The has seen the exports to the US, which has been the largest market four us, falling 20.3% in the September to $5.5 billion from August, marking the fourth consecutive monthly decline and erasing over $3.3 billion in monthly trade since May, according to a report from GTRI and is the first month after the 50% duties were in place.

RBI sold $7.7 bn in August

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE constant pressure on the rupee — primarily due to the ongoing trade war—has seen the Reserve Bank selling net of $7.7 billion in the spot foreign exchange market in August.

The rupee fell the most, plumbing to the worst low of 88.89 on September 23. As per the latest monthly bulletin from the RBI, it didn't purchase any dollars but sold $7.7 billion in August, which is more than three times it sold in July when the total outgo was only $2.54 billion in the spot market. The rupee had lost 0.68% t0 88.1950 against dollar, breaching the 88-per-dollar mark for the first time, in the month and close to 4.61% year to date. RBI's net outstanding forward sales stood at $53.36 billion as of end-August compared to a net sale of $57.85 billion at the end of the previous month.

Rupee declines

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Sinner to sit out of Davis Cup Final 8

Jannik Sinner's decision not to play for host Italy in the Davis Cup Final 8 is being met with a sense of abandonment in his country, where he was fiercely defended during his doping case. Sinner, who led Italy to tennis' biggest team trophy the past two years, said that he prefers to prepare for next season instead of helping the Azzurri win another title.

Chess world in shock after GM Naroditsky passes away at 29

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

ACCLAIMED chess coach, commentator and one-time prodigy, Daniel Naroditsky, passed away at the age of 29. His death has once again put the spotlight on cheating allegations and the feud between Vladimir Kramnik and the US GM.

A well liked figure

Naroditsky was a well-liked figure in the world of chess and he wore multiple hats at the same time. Known for his ability to play speed games, away from the board he tutored a lot of upcoming players apart from authoring chess books. Naroditsky also had a big fan following for his commentary was light on jargon and heavy on colour, emotion and excitement. At last year's World Championship between D Gukesh and Ding Liren, Naroditsky was one of the official commentators.

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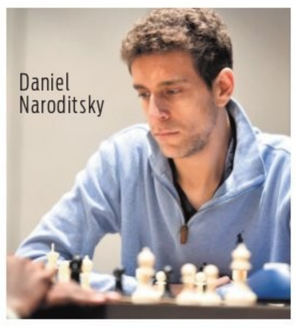

Daniel Naroditsky

Community in shock amid outrage against Kramnik

Naroditsky's death, announced by the family on Sunday, cast a pall of gloom on the wider chess fraternity with most of the world's best players expressing their shock and disbelief. However, it once again brought to light the long-running accusations levelled at the US GM by Kramnik. Naroditsky time and again denied all accusations before admitting to feelings of burnout and anxiety because of harassment he faced online. In 2024, he had called Kramnik 'worse than dirt'.

Baseless accusations caused him immense pain: Nihal

Indian GM, Nihal Sarin, who has played a lots of speed games against Naroditsky, a former junior world champion, said: "the relentless, baseless accusations and public interrogations he faced in recent months caused him immense pressure and pain."

Kramnik, the former world champion, suggested that the US GM was suffering from a mental condition upon learning about his death. The Russian GM has a history of falsely accusing players of cheating on online games. In 2023, chess.com had to mute his account and close his blog.

"Really shocked at the passing away of GM Daniel Naroditsky. An excellent chess commentator and educator. A genuinely nice person. A life gone too soon. My deepest condolences to his family. The chess world will miss his presence."

Viswanathan Anand

Naroditsky played a pivotal role in popularizing chess content online, bridging the gap between professional and amateur chess. There are not many people in the world who manage to achieve so much before turning 30. Grandmaster Daniel Naroditsky will forever be among them.

FIDE

Daniel was a talented chess player, commentator, and educator, and a cherished member of the chess community, admired and respected by fans and players around the world. Let us remember Daniel for his passion and love for the game of chess, and for the joy and inspiration he brought to us all every day.

India need to get their combination right

Three close losses against three of their biggest title rivals have pushed India towards periphery at their own party

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

ONE week and two games into the tournament, Harmanpreet Kaur & Co were sitting pretty. They had beaten Sri Lanka to open the tournament before easing past Pakistan. Two in two. Easy does it. Some of their match-winners got themselves going and it was all coming together. But there was danger ahead in the form of back-to-back matches against South Africa, Australia and England, the three teams most capable of winning the title apart from the hosts. And that thought has come to pass. Three close losses (three wickets and seven balls against South Africa, three wickets and an over against Australia and four runs against England) on the bounce against three of their biggest title rivals have pushed India towards periphery at their own party. They are not yet in last chance saloon territory but they need a win against the Kiwis to put ensure qualification to the semifinals if they want to avoid chewing fingernails going into the last round of games.

Post that heart-breaking loss against England, Smriti Mandhana accepted responsibility for the defeat. "We could have done better with our shot selection," she had said in Indore. "It started from me, so I will take it on myself that the shot selection should have been better. We just needed six runs per over. Maybe we should have taken the game deeper. I'll take it (upon) myself because the collapse started from me."

That's the first step towards rectifying small, small errors. The bigger issue, though, lies with the team management and the leadership group. Do they want the extra batter or the bowler? There was a clamour to play the extra bowler against England but when they did that, the effect showed as they had sacrificed a batter.

They will now be burning the midnight oil as it's imperative for them to get the balance right if they are to course-correct on the fly. When the teams come out for the toss in Navi Mumbai on Thursday — weather permitting — the contrast will be hard to miss. India under pressure on the back of three losses facing opponents whose last full game came on October 10. Since then, they have been greeted by rain.

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India women's team will play New Zealand in Navi Mumbai on Thursday | AP

Hosts' semis equations

With two more games to go, here are the ways of Kaur & Co qualifying for knockouts...

1 beat NZ
If they beat New Zealand on Thursday, India automatically qualify as they will be the only team to have three or more wins. The remaining clashes do not matter.

2 lose to NZ
If India lose to NZ, they can still qualify but will have to beat Bangladesh and hope that England beat New Zealand on Sunday (Oct 26) in Visakhapatnam

3 India vs NZ wash out
If this clash gets rained out, they can still qualify as long as they beat Bangladesh. Even if New Zealand beat England, they will have only two wins so India will go through.

4 lose both games
If India lose both games, New Zealand will go through.

Uphill clash

With unbeaten England taking on reigning champions Australia in Indore, a look...

Healy to miss clash

Skipper Alyssa Healy is set to miss the match due to a calf strain and her recovery will be monitored in the lead up to the final league game versus South Africa. Meanwhile, Tahlia McGrath will lead Australia in the absence of Healy in Indore on Wednesday.

Eyes on England openers

While Nat Sciver-Brunt and Heather Knight have carried this team on their shoulders with the bat, it is time Amy Jones and Tammy Beaumont stepped up. The experienced openers have not been able to convert starts and will need to find form before the knockouts come along.

Australia vs England, Indore
Live on Star Sports and JioHotstar, 3 PM

Proteas crush Pakistan to go top of table

AGENCIES @ Colombo

SOUTH Africa steamrolled Pakistan by 150 runs in a rain-affected round robin league match to leapfrog to the top of the points table in the Women's World Cup here on Tuesday. South Africa now have 10 points from six games and at least for a day, they would be above Australia and England — both on 9 points and pitted against each other on Wednesday at Indore. After initial delay, the match was curtailed to 40-over per side with South Africa scoring 312 for 9 riding on Laura Wolvaardt's 90 and half-centuries from Sune Luus (61) and Marizanne Kapp (68).However, multiple rain interruptions forced a further revision, and Pakistan were set a DLS target of 234 in 20 overs. They could manage only 83 for seven in reply.

Pakistan were never in contention to chase down the target. they had been reduced to 35/4 in 10 overs when heavens opened up. Marizanne Kapp ran through Pakistan's top-order, taking three out of the four wickets to crush any hopes of winning. **Brief scores:** SA 312/9 in 40 ovs (Wolvaardt 90, Kaap 68 n.o, Luus 61; Nashra 3/45) bt Pakistan 83/7 in 20 ovs (Sidra 22 n.o; Kapp 3/20) *by 150 runs (DLS method).*

Acid tests for Liverpool & Juve

Liverpool are walking a tightrope while Juventus continue to battle for relevance among the elite. Both clubs face huge tests as matchday three of the Champions League continues. A look..

Eintracht Frankfurt vs Liverpool

This isn't the Liverpool of last year, the side that controlled most games and cantered to the domestic title. This season, they have already lost four on the spin and are struggling to bed in new players while the likes of Mo Salah is battling some indifferent form. Lose this and a blip could become a full-blown crisis. They are away but Frankfurt have had a mixed start to the season, losing three of their first seven games. One major subplot could be the return of Hugo Ekitike to Frankfurt.

Juventus vs Real Madrid

It has been a strange few years for the Serie A giants. Out of reckoning in Serie A and pushed to the margins in Europe but this game gives them an opportunity to show their true character. They began their season in decent fashion but have gone six without a win in all competitions. In sharp contrast, Real have won all matches to start their season barring the 5-2 loss to Atletico.

16 KYLIAN MBAPPE HAS ALREADY SCORED 16 GOALS IN ALL COMPETITIONS THIS SEASON

WEDNESDAY'S OTHER FIXTURES

(12.30 AM on Thursday unless specified): Athletic vs Qarabag, Galatasaray vs Bodo/Glimt (both at 10.15 PM), Chelsea vs Ajax, Sporting vs Marseille, Monaco vs Tottenham, Atalanta vs Slavia Praha, Bayern vs Club Brugge.

Live on Sony Sports Network

Railway wrestlers not invited for Sr Nationals

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

GIVEN their decision not to compete at the 2024 nationals held in Bengaluru, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has not invited the Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) for the 2025 Senior National Championship scheduled in Ahmedabad, Gujarat from December 12 to 14. A circular in this regard has been sent to all member units and Services Sports Promotion Board (SSCB) with RSPB conspicuous by their absence.

"After they refused to take part in the Bengaluru nationals last year, the WFI in its general council held after the championship decided that it will not invite RSPB for future events. The decision is in force so they were not invited for the 2025 nationals," a source in the know of developments told this daily. Incidentally, a few Railway wrestlers who took part in the competition representing their respective states were either asked to withdraw midway or allegedly punished for missing the camp on pretext of participation in the nationals.

The invitation for the championship dated October 7 has mentioned the state units and SSCB but RSPB does not feature anywhere in it. Section 3.8 of the circular which deals with participation reads that all units/SSCB are required to submit their final entry online by name till 25th November, 2025. Besides, the circular's section 9,.2 under the heading financial conditions says, "Affiliation Fee i.e. States/UTs @ Rs.3,000/- and SSCB @ Rs.15,000/- for the current year along with arrears shall have to be paid to the Treasurer, WFI on their arrival" with RSPB missing from it as well.

Former RSPB secretary, who is also secretary general of the WFI, Prem Chand Lochab had specifically spoken on non-participation of wrestlers from Railways in the 2024 nationals. On being asked about it last year, Lochab had cited the sports ministry's order of WFI's suspension and an order dated August 16, 2024 of the Delhi High Court powering ad-hoc committee to manage the day-to-day affairs of the federation. However, incumbent RSPB secretary Jatin Chopra said the RSPB wrestlers will compete in the 2025 senior national championship. "There must be some miscommunication (about RSPB not being invited). Railway wrestlers will take part in the national championship," he told this daily.

The WFI source when asked about the possibility of extending invitation to the RSPB said, "The federation does not intend to cause any harm to wrestlers but the RSPB decided to skip the meet last time following which the general council made the decision. The RSPB has to approach WFI authorities if they wish to compete," the source added. It understood that discussions are still on regarding participation.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Fit-again Pant to lead against South Africa A

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AS expected, a bulk of India's Test regulars have been picked for the upcoming two four-day matches against the visiting South Africa A side before the two-Test series between the sides. The one big addition is that of Rishabh Pant, who has been named captain for both games, scheduled to begin in the Board of Control for Cricket in India's Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru, from October 30. The second game is from November 6.

Apart from Pant, Sai Sudharsan, named as vice-captain and Devdutt Padikkal, have been named for both games. The likes of KL Rahul, Dhruv Jurel, Prasidh Krishna, Mohammed Siraj and Akash Deep have been called up for the second game.

Pant, whose last competitive game came in the fourth Test of the England series, has been in rehab after suffering a fractured foot.

Fixtures

India A 1st match 30 October - 2 November, Bengaluru

India A 2nd match 6 November - 9 November, Bengaluru

Squad for 1st match: Rishabh Pant (C) (WK), Ayush Mhatre, N Jagdeesan (WK), Sai Sudharsan (VC), Devdutt Padikkal, Rajat Patidar, Harsh Dubey, Tanush Kotian, Manav Suthar, Khaleel Ahmed, Gurnoor Brar, Anshul Kamboj, Yash Thakur, Ayush Badoni, Saransh Jain

Squad for 2nd match: Rishabh Pant (C) (WK), KL Rahul, Dhruv Jurel (WK), Sai Sudharsan (VC), Devdutt Padikkal, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Harsh Dubey, Tanush Kotian, Manav Suthar, Khaleel Ahmed, Gurnoor Brar, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Prasidh Krishna, Mohammed Siraj, Akash Deep

EXPRESS READ

U23 Worlds: Wrestler More in quarters

NOVI SAD (SERBIA): Vishvajit More brought cheers to the Indian camp by reaching the quarterfinals but three of his compatriots lost their respective first-round contests in the Greco-Roman competition at the U23 World Championship. More began with a 6-2 win over Denis Florin Mihai from Kyrgyzstan and followed that up with a technical superiority (9-1) win over American Kenneth Andrew Crosby to reach the quarterfinals where he lost to Alibek Amirov, who later reached the final to open the repechage route for him.

Lakshya makes 1st round exit at French Open

PARIS: India's Lakshya Sen bowed out of the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament after suffering a straight game defeat to Ireland's Nhat Nguyen in the men's singles opening round on Tuesday. Lakshya, who had reached the finals of Hong Kong Open, looked off-colour from the start to eventually go down 7-21, 16-21 to the world number 29 Nhat. Later in the day, Rohan and Ruthvika notched up a 21-12, 21-19 victory over the Ukrainian combination of Oleksii Titov and Yevheniia Kantemyr.

Vishwas guides Warriorz to stun Thalaivas

NEW DELHI: Vishwas S led from the front as Bengal Warriorz kept their playoff hopes alive with a thrilling 44-43 win over Tamil Thalaivas in the Pro Kabaddi League on Tuesday. Vishwas shone with 19 points for Bengal. In the second match, Ajit Chavan, with eight bonus points guided U Mumba to a 37-36 win against Jaipur Pink Panthers. In the third and final tie, Haryana Steelers beat Gujarat Giants 50-32.

THIRD TIME LUCKY

'I knew I would make it': Compound archer Surekha on historic Worlds bronze

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

IN what has been an incredible year, Jyothi Surekha Vennam added another feather to her cap a couple of days ago in Nanjing, China. After three gold medals in three events in the World Cup Stage 1 in Shanghai earlier this year, in addition to achieving her career-best world rankings (2nd) in women's compound archery, Surekha finally earned a World Cup final medal, a bronze in the women's compound event.

At the WC finals in both Hermosillo (2023) and Tlaxcala (2024), she had missed out on the quarterfinal stage — the first stage of the competition. Given her previous misses, winning the title was always going to be a tough task. "She had come into this tournament under pressure to perform. With conditions not helping them, it looked a tough challenge for Surekha," said Surendra Kumar Vennam, father of Surekha. The weather made her matches difficult, but this time she managed to get past the first hurdle, defeating Alexis Ruiz of USA 143-140 in the quarterfinals.

Then came the tough semifinal tie against Andre Becerra, the World No 1 from Mexico. Surekha was far from her best, losing to Becerra in the process. "The weather (at Nanjing) was not so good to shoot. It was windy, cold and drizzling, too. I was not able to feel my muscles. (As a result), I did not put my best in the semifinal," she had told this daily after her bronze medal on October 19.

"I was disappointed to lose but I knew that (bronze medal match) would be my last chance at the podium. So I knew I had to give my best there," she said. That's what she did. Up against Ella Gibson, World No 2 from Great Britain, Surekha raised her game and finally returned with a medal.

"I couldn't give my best in the previous two World Cup finals. This time, I was like, 'no matter what the result, I will just put in my best in Nanjing, because I knew that somewhere in the back of my mind, I would make it'," Surekha explained. Hitting perfect 10s in all of her 15 attempts to score a perfect 150, the World No 3 was totally in the zone.

After drawing blank in the previous two editions, this is a welcome boost for the youngster. However, Surekha felt there's still plenty of room for improvements in her game. "Somewhere, there is room to make changes to become better than what you are today, I believe. Yes, there are some things that I would like to improve.

"I want to analyse a few things based upon my performances and note them down. Then, I would work on them to improve it," she said. While sharing his joy, Surendra recalled the work that she put behind this year. "Surekha worked on her balance and her release. Ensuring to get the suitable equipment and new arrows were crucial. She would shoot 200 arrows in the morning and 200 in the evening."

Although Surekha might feel that this is "just another medal," this performance is a big shot in the arm as she prepares for 2026.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Jyothi Surekha Vennam beat Ella Gibson in the medal round | WORLD ARCHERY

DID YOU KNOW?

Sharks have existed for ~400 million years, while trees have only been around for ~350 million years

Intergalactic Space

The Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy is called so because it is located in the direction of the constellation Sagittarius [right main pic] as seen from Earth. This galaxy, which is one-tenth the diameter of the Milky Way (10,000 light-years, compared to 100,000 light-years across), is currently colliding with the Milky Way, and has already passed through our own galaxy multiple times, causing ripples that trigger star formation.

ONGOING COLLISION

The Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy is in the process of being swallowed by the Milky Way, and its core has passed through the Milky Way's disk several times over the past six billion years

CONSEQUENCES OF THE COLLISION

These "pass-throughs" have disrupted the Milky Way's steady rate of star formation by causing gas and dust to compress into new stars

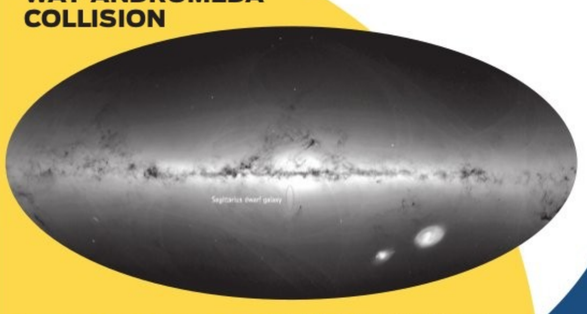
EVIDENCE OF PAST COLLISIONS

The effects of these interactions are visible in the form of "ripples" and stellar streams that encircle the Milky Way, a visual record of the ongoing merger

FORMATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Some scientists suggest that one of these collision episodes may have played a role in triggering the formation of our Solar System

MILKY WAY-ANDROMEDA COLLISION



For years, astronomers predicted that the Milky Way and Andromeda galaxy would collide in about 4.5 billion years, merging to form a new, larger elliptical galaxy. This prediction was based on Hubble Space Telescope data showing a direct collision course. However, recent simulations using data from the Gaia and Hubble space telescopes have revealed a more complex scenario. The gravitational influence of other galaxies, particularly the Large Magellanic Cloud, appears to be pulling the Milky Way off its collision course. The most likely outcome is a close flyby, which could eventually lead to a later merger, or the galaxies may continue to orbit each other at a distance. There is also a possibility of a head-on collision, though the chance is now very low, at less than 2%. Meanwhile, even if a collision does occur, the stars are so far apart that individual stars are unlikely to collide with one another. However, the Sun and our Solar System would be flung into a different part of the new, merged galaxy. Before any of these events, the Sun will become a red giant and make Earth uninhabitable in about a billion years.

AS USUAL, ON EARTH...

You will experience no noticeable effects on Earth from the Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy's current collision with the Milky Way, as this process is happening over billions of years. While the collision has caused ripples and triggered star formation in the outer parts of the Milky Way, our Solar System is far from its direct path and is unaffected by the ongoing, long-term event

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YEARS AGO FIRST SAGITTARIUS DWARF PASSAGE

GHOST LIGHTS OF SAGITTARIUS

The Sagittarius Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxy, a faint and fading companion of our Milky Way, has been colliding with us for billions of years, reshaping not just our galactic halo, but possibly even the stars beneath which we live

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE

THIS is not the archetypal 'galaxy far, far way'! It's closer than ever to our own at the moment, and will continue to get closer and closer for another billion years!

The story of the Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy is one of the several cosmic dramas unfolding quietly in the vast darkness of space. It is a galaxy that is both neighbour and victim, drawn into an immense gravitational embrace with our own Milky Way, torn apart, scattered, yet never entirely lost. Its discovery in the mid-1990s revealed that the Milky Way is not a static island in the universe, but a restless, evolving entity, shaped and reshaped by encounters with its smaller companions. The Sagittarius Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxy — often shortened to Sagittarius Dwarf or Sgr dSph — is among the most vivid examples of this slow celestial cannibalism.

Located roughly 70,000 light-years from Earth, the Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy was discovered in 1994 by astronomer Rodrigo Ibata and his colleagues at the University of Cambridge. Using data from the Anglo-Australian Telescope, they noticed an unexpected concentration of stars in the direction of the constellation Sagittarius — stars that were moving differently from those belonging to the Milky Way's main body. What they had found was astonishing: an entire small galaxy hidden behind the dense dust of our galactic centre, being gradually torn apart by the Milky Way's immense gravitational pull. It was the closest known satellite galaxy at the time, orbiting us in a looping, polar path that cuts directly through our own galactic disk.

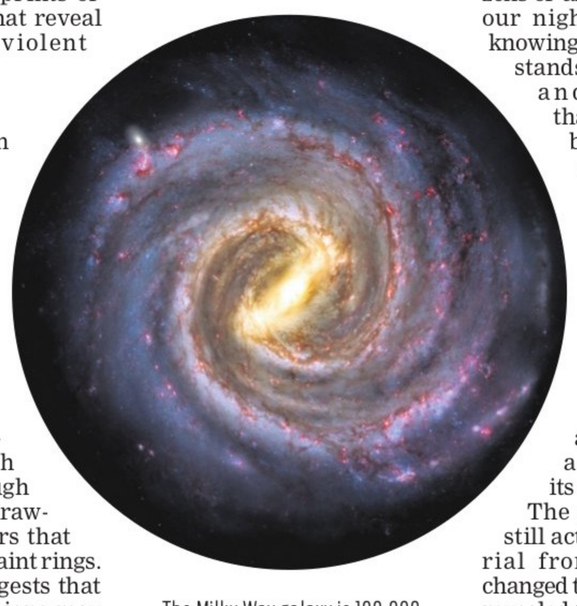
The Sagittarius Dwarf is not the grand spiral of starlight we associate with galaxies like our own. Instead, it is a diffuse, faint system — a spheroidal swarm of old stars, many of them red giants, along with scattered globular clusters such as M54, which sits at its core. Astronomers estimate that it originally contained perhaps a billion stars, but much of its mass has already been stripped away. Over successive orbits, tidal forces from the Milky Way have stretched it into a long, looping stellar stream, a kind of cosmic ribbon winding around the galactic halo. These streams, visible only through deep sky surveys, are the fingerprints of ancient collisions that reveal the Milky Way's violent history.

Birth of the Sun

What happens when galaxies collide is not a head-on crash in the human sense; rather, it is a slow intermingling of stars and dark matter, governed by gravity and spanning hundreds of millions of years. The Milky Way's pull distorts the Sagittarius Dwarf each time it passes through the galactic plane, drawing out trails of stars that wrap around us like faint rings. Recent research suggests that these repeated collisions may have done more than simply absorb a smaller galaxy — they may have reshaped our own. A 2018 study using data from the European Space Agency's Gaia mission proposed that when the Sagittarius Dwarf first plunged through the Milky Way's disk, around five or six billion years ago, it sent ripples through our galaxy's structure. These ripples could have triggered waves of star formation, including perhaps the birth of the Sun itself. In this view, the very existence of our Solar System may owe something to the death-throes of another galaxy.

Today, the remnants of the Sagittarius Dwarf can be traced as enormous streams of stars encircling the Milky Way. One such stream passes near our Solar neighbourhood, forming part of the galactic halo, i.e. a vast, spherical region populated by ancient, metal-poor stars. Astronomers studying these streams use them like archaeological strata, unearthing the Milky Way's past collisions and mergers. The Sagittarius Stream, as it is known, wraps around the galaxy in a vast, corkscrew-like orbit that has been mapped in exquisite detail by Gaia's precise measurements. It provides direct evidence that galaxies grow by devouring smaller companions, a process known as hierarchical merging. The Milky Way, far from being a quiet spiral, is a cosmic predator — its graceful arms built from the ruins of galaxies like Sagittarius.

The fate of the Sagittarius Dwarf is, in essence, sealed. Each orbit, estimated to take 700-800 million years, brings it closer to total dissolution. Within a few billion years, it will be fully assimilated, its stars blended into the Milky Way's halo, its identity erased except for the faint stellar streams it leaves behind. Yet in this destruction lies creation: the Milky Way is believed to have absorbed dozens of similar dwarf galaxies over its lifetime, each contributing stars, gas, and dark matter to its structure. Our own galaxy's outer halo and thick disk may owe much of their mass to such mergers. The Sagittarius Dwarf is merely the latest, and best observed, of a long lineage of galactic sacrifices.



The Milky Way galaxy is 100,000 light-years across | NICK RISINGER

It is perhaps humbling to think that such grand processes unfold in silence, across scales of time and distance almost beyond comprehension. From our human vantage point, the Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy appears frozen — a faint blur in telescopic images, a mere curiosity. Yet on galactic timescales, it is a dynamic participant in an ongoing cosmic dance. Even now, its stars are being drawn out like threads, wrapping around us, altering the Milky Way's motion, subtly shifting its gravitational balance. Some simulations suggest that these tidal interactions could continue to shape our galaxy's spiral arms and star-forming regions for billions of years to come.

Destruction and creation

Beyond the science, there is a kind of poetry in the Sagittarius Dwarf's story. It is a tale of endurance and dissolution, of a galaxy that has given itself up to something larger. Its stars, once bound together by their own gravity, are now citizens of another realm, lighting our night sky without ever knowing it. To astronomers, it stands as both a reminder and a revelation: that galaxies, like living beings, have life cycles of their own — birth, growth, encounter, and eventual transformation.

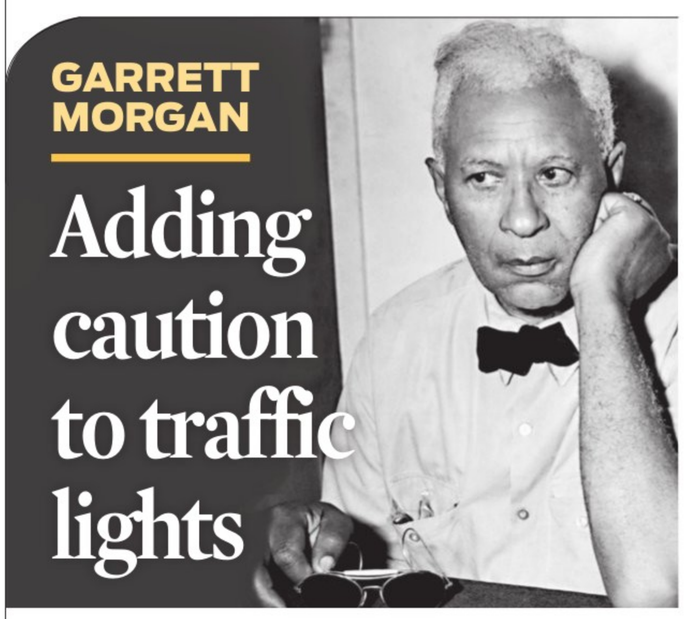
The discovery of the Sagittarius Dwarf also marked a turning point in how we view our own Milky Way. Until the 1990s, the galaxy was thought to be a fairly stable system, its structure well defined. The realisation that it is still actively accreting material from nearby galaxies changed that view completely. It revealed the Milky Way as a dynamic, evolving structure, still in the process of becoming. This has profound implications not just for our understanding of galactic evolution, but for the origins of the stars, planets, and life that inhabit it. The Milky Way's past is not a distant abstraction, but the foundation of everything around us.

The Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy is a kind of cosmic ghost: once a proud, independent system, now stretched thin across the heavens, its light scattered but not extinguished. Through its ongoing collision with the Milky Way, we glimpse the restless nature of the universe, especially its capacity for both destruction and creation.

CLINICAL PRECISION

Microscopic DNA 'flowers' could deliver medicine where it's needed

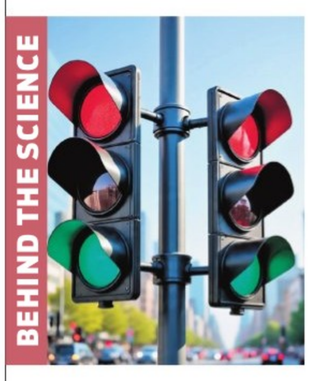
RESEARCHERS at the University of North Carolina have created microscopic soft robots shaped like flowers that can change shape and behavior in response to their surroundings, just like living organisms do. These tiny "DNA flowers" are made from special crystals formed by combining DNA and inorganic materials. They can reversibly fold and unfold in seconds, making them among the most dynamic materials ever developed on such a small scale. Each flower's DNA acts like a tiny computer program, telling it how to move and react to the world around it. When the environment changes, such as when acidity rises or falls, the flower can open, close, or trigger a chemical reaction. That means these DNA-based robots could one day perform tasks on their own, from delivering medicine to cleaning up pollution. "People would love to have smart capsules that would automatically activate medication when it detects disease and stops when it is healed. In principle, this could be possible with our shapeshifting materials," says Dr Ronit Freeman, senior and corresponding author of the paper and director of the Freeman Lab at UNC. "In the future, swallowable or implantable shape-changing flowers could be designed to deliver a targeted dose of drugs, perform a biopsy, or clear a blood clot," he adds. The idea was inspired by natural processes such as flower petals unfurling, coral pulsing, and tissues forming in living organisms. The researchers wanted to mimic these complex behaviors in artificial materials, a challenge that has long stumped scientists working at microscopic scales. "We take inspiration from nature's designs, like blooming flowers or growing tissue, and translate them into technology that could one day think, move, and adapt on its own," says Freeman. The key to their success is how the DNA is arranged inside the flower-shaped crystals. When the surrounding environment becomes more acidic, parts of the DNA fold tightly, causing the flower to close. When conditions return to normal, the DNA loosens, and the petals open again. This simple but powerful motion can be used to control chemical reactions, carry and release molecules, or interact with cells and tissues. Although the technology is still in early testing, the team envisions exciting future uses. One day, these DNA flowers could be injected into the body, where they would travel to a tumor. Once there, the tumor's acidity could cause the petals to close, releasing medicine or taking a tiny tissue sample. When the tumor resolves, the flowers would reopen and deactivate, ready to respond again if the disease returns. Beyond medicine, these smart materials could be used to clean up environmental disasters.



HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE

FROM the streets of early 20th-century America to life-saving inventions, Garrett Augustus Morgan's ingenuity transformed everyday safety for the world. Garrett Morgan was more than just an inventor; he was a visionary whose innovations continue to shape our daily lives. Born on March 4, 1877, in Paris, Kentucky, USA, to former slaves, Morgan faced racial barriers that might have stifled lesser talents. Yet his curiosity and determination propelled him into a life of invention and entrepreneurship. He began his career as a sewing-machine mechanic, but his inventive mind could not be contained to small repairs. He was driven by a desire to solve practical problems and to make the world safer and more efficient for everyone.

One of Morgan's most enduring contributions was the invention of a safety device that would evolve into the modern traffic light. Observing the increasing dangers on city streets, he recognised that the existing two-position signalling system — simply "stop" and "go" — was insufficient for the growing number of automobiles. In 1923, he patented a three-position traffic signal that included a "caution" phase, allowing drivers to prepare for a change in traffic flow. This innovation significantly reduced accidents and laid the foundation for the traffic control systems we rely on today. Morgan's design was a remarkable blend of simplicity and practicality, demonstrating his keen understanding of both human behaviour and mechanical design.



Beyond traffic lights, Morgan invented lifesaving equipment. In 1914, he created the safety hood, an early version of the gas mask, which protected firefighters and rescue workers from smoke and toxic gases. His invention gained international recognition when he heroically used it to rescue workers trapped in a tunnel explosion. He also held patents for numerous other devices, including a hair-straightening chemical treatment. Morgan's achievements were not limited to inventions. He was a successful entrepreneur, founding a business that employed African-Americans at a time when opportunities were severely restricted. His legacy is a testament to perseverance, ingenuity, and the power of practical problem-solving. Morgan transformed ordinary observations into extraordinary solutions, leaving an indelible mark on both public safety and everyday life. He died on July 27, 1963, in Cleveland, Ohio, USA

HOW IT WORKS

A RIVER REMEMBERS: MEANDERING MEMORY OF WATER

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE

BENEATH the calm surface of a river lies an ancient intelligence — one that remembers every bend, flood, and wandering path it has ever carved through the Earth.

Rivers seem alive, and in a sense, they are. They shift, meander, split, and rejoin like living veins across the skin of continents. But what's truly remarkable is that even when a river changes course, dries up, or is forced into artificial channels, it often retains a kind of geological memory. This memory isn't conscious, of course, but written into the landscape itself, in subtle slopes, buried sediments, and the unseen pull of past flow. The idea that rivers "remember" their old paths isn't poetry, but science.

Over thousands of years, a river erodes its banks and deposits layers of silt and sand that preserve traces of its former journeys. When a river meanders, it leaves behind oxbow lakes — crescent-shaped scars marking where the water once flowed before cutting a new route. Beneath floodplains, geologists find stacked layers of old channels, each representing a chapter in the river's restless story. Even if the surface water is long gone, the subterranean structure of these old paths can continue to guide where new channels form. The Earth keeps a quiet record, and the river, given time, often finds its way back.

This picture of the Nowitna river in Alaska shows two oxbow lakes | OLIVER KURMIS

Modern satellite imagery has revealed just how persistent these patterns can be. Using radar and infrared sensors, scientists can trace 'ghost rivers' beneath forests, cities, and deserts — dry channels that once pulsed with water centuries ago. In parts of the Amazon Basin, buried riverbeds influence the modern network of tributaries, subtly steering their flow. In the American Midwest and the Indo-Gangetic plains, rivers that were diverted for agriculture or engineering projects have shown a stubborn tendency to reclaim their ancestral courses during heavy monsoons or floods, following the paths etched deep in the soil.

This hydrological memory stems from physics as much as geology. Water, in its patient way, seeks the easiest route downhill. If that path has already been carved, even faintly, it will likely be reused. The ground remembers in the form of gradient, softness, and buried channels. A river doesn't have to think to remember; the land itself does the remembering.

In an era of dams, diversions, and climate stress, this memory can become both a marvel and a warning. When engineers try to confine rivers within concrete banks or force them into straight lines, they're working against millions of years of history. Long after our maps have faded, the water will still know and flow where it once ran.

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DAY'S DIARY

Cuban missile crisis

President John F Kennedy addressed the American public on television to announce the discovery of Soviet missile bases in Cuba in 1962

ABOUT THE CONFLICT

The crisis was a direct confrontation between the US and the Soviet Union during the Cold War and was the moment when the two superpowers came closest to nuclear conflict

QUARANTINE

The President declared his decision to enforce a 'quarantine', and the potential global consequences if the crisis continued to escalate

THE END

The quarantine continued until the Soviets agreed to remove their IL-28 bombers from Cuba. On November 20, 1962, the US ended its quarantine

Playing it safe this Deepavali

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Highlights!

CE catches up with Sandalwood stars as they share their treasured Deepavali moments

ANJALI RAM

With crackling laughter in the air, the aroma of sweets wafting through homes and streets wrapped in festive cheer, the glow of Deepavali has already enveloped the city, and the homes and hearts of celebrities are no different. For many, the festival is about sharing quality time and a hearty meal with family, while for others, it's about finding new ways to celebrate or simply pausing to relive the warmth of childhood memories.

Memories That Sparkle

Actor Naveen Shankar lights up at the mention of his childhood Deepavali. He remembers the sparkle of rockets (fireworks that shoot up into the sky) streaking across the night from his village days. "We'd put rockets in bottles and watch them shoot up. The colours bursting in the sky still fascinate me," he smiles. For the Hungund-born actor, Deepavali was simple yet magical. "When I was a kid, getting new clothes was the highlight. We'd wait for it the whole year," he recalls, the nostalgia unmistakable in his voice.

For actor Aditi Prabhudeva, the festival's glow lies in the memory of her grandmother's home. "As children, we'd decorate the doors, light red clay lamps on the terrace and all around the house," she says. The air, she remembers, would buzz with excitement. "The best part was the childlike thrill of lighting firecrackers and brightening every corner," she adds. Actor Dushyanth, who is making his debut with *Gatha Vaibhava*, sees Deepavali as more than just a festival of lights. For him, it's a celebration of legacy. "My grandfather would narrate stories from the *Ramayana, Mahabharata* and about Karnataka's ancient kings during Deepavali gatherings. Those stories made me fall in love with our history and culture," he shares. His memories carry the scent of the soil – riding cows, lighting firecrackers and sharing food with cousins.

On-set Cheer

Sharing how he celebrated the festival in a simple yet memorable way on the sets of *Gatha Vaibhava* with the film's cast and crew, Dushyanth says, "We were in Mangaluru and wrapped up the shoot before Deepavali. To celebrate the festival, we held a small puja, relished sweets and wished each other. The celebration was truly meaningful." Shankar too recalls being part of a Deepavali puja on the sets of *Gultoo*, his first film. "Before rolling, the team gathered and performed a puja. This was my first Deepavali celebration as an actor and indeed a special one."

Deepavali for actor Anupama Gowda is a sense of togetherness. "During festivals like Deepavali and Ugadi, artistes of various serials gather, dance, sing and play games and it becomes fun episodes covering almost 2-3 days," she says.

Home, Sweet Home

Deepavali brings along warm memories of home for actor Milana Nagaraj. "I make sure I visit my hometown during the festivity and celebrate together with my family and cousins." What makes the festival special this year, though? "For me, celebrations have evolved with my daughter, Pari, in the picture. Last year, she was just three months old, now she is slowly getting to know things. I can't wait to see her reactions to the festivities, especially the lights," she notes.

While he no longer bursts firecrackers, Shankar loves watching others enjoy the activity. These days, the celebration has become a quiet affair at his home, especially after rescuing and adopting strays. "I avoid loud sounds, but the spirit of Deepavali remains."

Capturing The Essence

What truly completes the celebration for everyone is the array of 'good food' carefully arranged on the table. "Devouring carrot payasa, holige, and whatever is made fresh at home adds essence to the festival. It's the one time you don't count calories," Nagaraj laughs. Prabhudeva agrees, as she adds chakli, kodubale and holige on her festive food list. For Gowda, her festival favourites are obattu, obbattu saaru and chitranna.

Another aspect of the celebration is the clothes one wears to mark the occasion. "Nothing can match the soul of a traditional wear. The festive vibe truly comes alive when you get ready wearing the outfit of your choice," Prabhudeva adds, sharing that this year she's more excited to dress up her daughter than herself.

Dushyanth also shares his love for traditional wear, as he adds, "Western clothes are comfortable, but traditional ones carry meaning. At the end of the day, it's all about following our roots."

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE ANSWERS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

1. Museums act as a doorway to the past. Of the many heritage museums in Bengaluru, the Wood Museum established in 2012 is a unique one. The displays here include a 780-year-old giant tree trunk and other interesting artefacts tracing the history and utility of wood across civilisations. Name the prominent residential locality in the city where the museum is setup: Malleswaram or Basavanagudi?

2. The Government Museum Bangalore, a storehouse of rich historical and cultural artefacts was established in the year 1865. It was initially housed at the Cantonment jail building (present Good Shepherd Convent premises) before being shifted to its present location on Kasturba Road. Which year was it shifted: 1978 or 1878?

3. The National Insect Museum established in Bengaluru in 2019 is one of the largest repositories of insects in India with over 1.9 lakh dry-mounted specimens and over 2 lakh alcohol-preserved ones. The museum is housed at the National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR) campus and is home to the world's largest moth, longest insect and tiniest wasp. Where in Bengaluru is NBAIR located: Hebbal or Koramangala?

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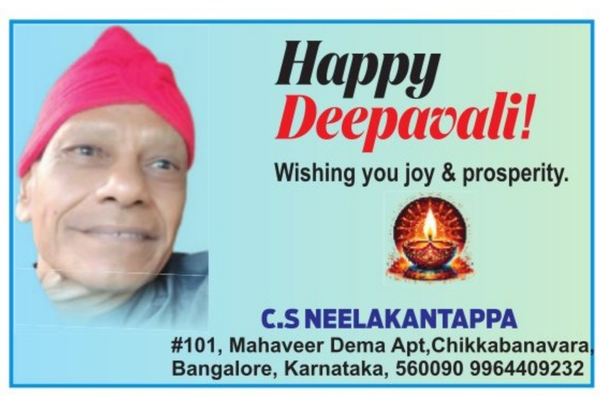

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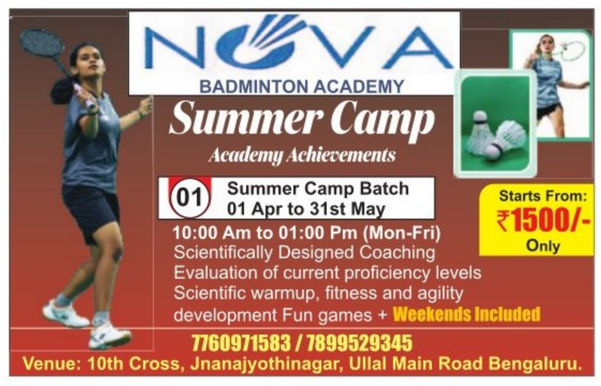

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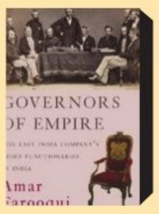

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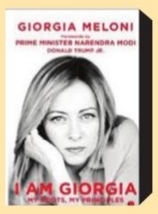

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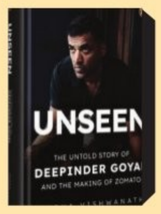

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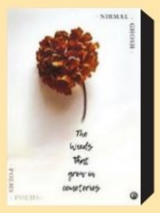
By Megha Vishwanath

Instead of a linear startup success story, Vishwanath reconstructs the Zomato journey not in milestones, but in moments.



The Weeds that Grow in Cemeteries

By Nirmal Ghosh

The poet examines how the nature of time changes in the aftermath of loss, how love transforms the seasons, and how elemental forces echo our lives.

TUNED INTO CARTOONS

A candid moment of a visitor immersed in Phadnis 100, an exhibition of cartoons to mark the 100th birthday celebrations of centenarian cartoonist SD Phadnis at Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi | **SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA**

QUICKFIX

BASIL PESTO SPAGHETTI

INGREDIENTS

- **Spaghetti:** 3 cups
- **Olive oil:** 1 cup
- **Garlic:** 3 cloves
- **Fresh basil leaves:** 10
- **Cherry tomato:** 10
- **Basil pesto in a jar:** 3 tbsp

METHOD

- Boil the spaghetti in water with salt.
- Make a paste of seven basil leaves, garlic, and 1 tbsp of olive oil.
- In a pan, heat olive oil and crackle 3-4 basil leaves, 2-3 chopped garlic cloves, cherry tomatoes, and stir in the basil paste.
- Add spaghetti, a cup of pasta water and pesto paste out of a jar. Mix everything well and add salt.
- Garnishing, a dusting of shredded Parmesan or more olive oil with chilli flakes.

Contributed by **Sumi Taba,** New Delhi

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

RIPPAN SWAMY (Kannada)

A rural village in Snana Kopa is shaken when Rippan Swamy's mysterious suicide leads to buried secrets surfacing, questioning everything about his identity and death.

Cast: Vijay Raghavendra, Ashwini Chandrashekar, Prakash Thuminad

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

AABHYANTHARA KUTTAVAALI (Malayalam)

A man in a troubled second marriage faces divorce complications when legal battles spiral with false domestic violence and dowry claims turning the justice system itself into a form of punishment.

Cast: Asif Ali, Sreeja Das, Shreya Rukmini

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

FOREIGN

THE TWITS (English)

When the meanest, nastiest villains pull a trick to take over their town, two brave children team up with a family of magical animals to bring them down.

Cast: Emilia Clarke, Natalie Portman, Johnny Vegas

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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DECODING PACKAGED FOODS: HOW TO READ NUTRITION LABELS SMARTLY

At first glance, packaged foods often appear convenient and even "healthy". But not everything marketed that way lives up to the claim. The truth lies on the back of the pack, in the nutrition label, and in the ingredient list. Understanding these details can help you make more informed, healthier choices.

SERVING SIZE AND SERVINGS PER CONTAINER

The first section to notice is servings per container. This indicates how many portions the entire package contains. Often, what looks like a single-serving pack may actually hold two or more servings – doubling or even tripling your calorie intake if you consume the whole thing.

Next is the serving size, which is based on the typical amount eaten at one time, not a recommended quantity. It is listed in household measures (cup, tablespoon, piece, or slice) followed by the equivalent weight in grams. All nutrition facts, from calories to protein, are calculated based on this serving size.

CALORIES AND CALORIES FROM FAT

Calories show how much energy the food provides. If you consistently consume more calories than your body needs, you'll gain weight over time. As a general guide, around 100 calories per serving is moderate, while 400 or more is high.

Also note, calories from fat should ideally be limited between 20 and 30 percent of your total daily intake. This helps control saturated fat and supports heart health.

NUTRITIONAL FACTS: WHAT TO WATCH FOR

The nutrition label lists key nutrients: total fat, saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, sodium, carbohydrates, fiber, sugars, added sugars, protein and key vitamins and minerals, including vitamin D, calcium, iron, and potassium.

Focus on nutrients to limit – saturated fat, sodium, and added sugars – which contribute to heart disease, high blood pressure, and obesity. Aim for more of the nutrients to increase – dietary fibre, vitamins, and minerals – as these support digestion, bone strength, and overall health.

INGREDIENT LIST: WHERE THE TRUTH LIES

Every ingredient is listed in descending order by weight, meaning the first few ingredients make up the bulk of what you're eating. Be cautious of terms like refined wheat flour (maida), monosodium glutamate (MSG), and hydrogenated fat, which are often hidden under different names. If refined sugar or syrup appears among the first three to five ingredients, the product likely contains excessive added sugars.

ADDED SUGARS VS TOTAL SUGARS

Added sugars refer to those introduced during processing – such as sucrose, dextrose, syrups, honey, or concentrated fruit juice. Diets that are high in added sugars can add empty calories.

By Spoorthi S, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

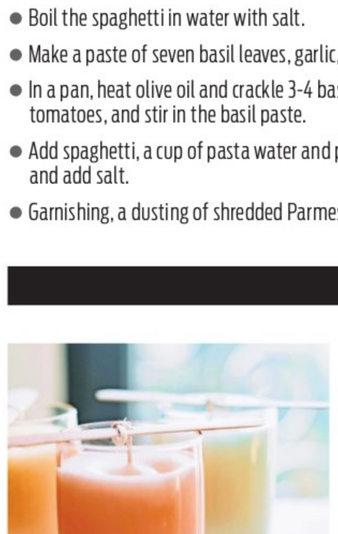
Light Craft

Celebrate the festive spirit of Deepavali with this creative workshop that blends art and tradition. Learn the art of candle making, craft your own scented creations, and take home your handmade decor, a perfect way to add a personal touch to the season of lights.

WHEN: October 22, 6pm onwards

WHERE: Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru, Thanisandra Main Road

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Mini Mania

Jump into fun at Jus Jumpin, a vibrant kids' play area filled with trampolines, slides, ball pits, and interactive zones. Kids can burn off energy while developing social and motor skills in a safe, supervised environment. Parents can relax as their little ones enjoy endless excitement and fun.

WHEN: October 22, 11am onwards

WHERE: M5 Ecity Mall, Electronic City

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Electrifying Nights

Reboot your mid-week with electrifying DJ beats and vibrant energy. Dance nonstop to high-energy commercial music under the open sky, and let the lights and rhythm rejuvenate your spirit. This event highlights Nonstop Music Commercial Music.

WHEN: October 22, 7pm

WHERE: Gilly's, Koramangala

DETAILS: highape.com

Comedy Hour

Experience a night of laughter as top comedians deliver their fresh jokes and make wild observations. Enjoy the lively atmosphere of standup comedy in a vibrant setting. Ideal for anyone seeking a fun and entertaining night out.

WHEN: October 22, 12pm onwards

WHERE: The Comedy Theatre, Church Street

DETAILS: district.in

Aqua Artistry

Explore a world of creativity at this Resin Koi Pond Workshop. Discover the art of crafting stunning resin masterpieces while painting a koi pond, adding elements, and using resin colours to bring the pond to life. The workshop promises a memorable and artistic journey. Materials will be provided.

WHEN: October 22, 11.30am

WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout

DETAILS: artbeatclasses.com

Sufi Magic

Immerse yourself in an enchanting night of Bollywood and Sufi live music that soothes the soul. Let Sukoon's melodies, the cool breeze, and rooftop vibes take you on a soulful musical journey.

WHEN: October 22, 9pm

WHERE: Magique Rooftop, Koramangala

DETAILS: district.in

Theatre Tales

Witness a theatre play titled *Goodbye Calendar* about a Retired teacher Rodrigues' solitary life is upended when a former student moves in as his tenant. Take your theatre-loving friends to know how the young man's energy and love story awaken long-forgotten memories and emotions, bringing warmth back to Rodrigues's heart.

WHEN: October 22, 7.30pm

WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar

DETAILS: rangashankara.org

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SOLACE IN SOLITUDE

Kerala-based artist Shirley Yesudas visualises art and philosophy in every frame of nature she comes across in life

PLAYING IT SAFE

Keep your eyes safe from injuries this Deepavali with these simple precautions

DR RAVI DORAIRAJ

FEW festivals in India match the excitement of Deepavali. Regardless of religion or region, the entire country comes alive to celebrate the festival of lights. Amidst all the joy and celebrations, it is crucial to take precautions to protect ourselves, especially our eyes, from the dazzling lights and fireworks.

A large number of ocular injuries are reported every year, mainly caused due to firecrackers. In fact, our eyes are the second most common affected area after the hands and fingers. Some common injuries are caused by sparklers and bombs along with 'chakra' crackers. Apart from those handling crackers, more than 50% of bystanders are at a higher risk of sustaining eye injuries.

Mode of Injury

The severity of injury can range from mild irritation to complications leading to blindness. The chemicals in explosive substances in the crackers could be harmful. Constant and higher levels of smoke can cause irritability and watering of eyes. Sparklers are dangerous because they burn at a temperature hot enough to melt gold (1,800° F), nearly 1,000 degrees hotter than the boiling point of water, hot enough to melt glass and cause third-degree burns to the skin. Necessary precautions need to be taken to avoid such injuries.

Major ocular injuries

- **Open globe injury**: Full thickness eye wall injury
- **Closed globe injury**: Injury to the globe without a full thickness ocular wall laceration
- **Contusion:** Bruise around the eye
- **Lamellar laceration:** partial thickness wound of the eye wall
- **Laceration:** Full-thickness injury of eye wall caused by a sharp object
- **Penetrating injury:** An Open globe injury with an entrance wound
- **Perforating injury:** An Open globe injury with an entrance and exit wound

Patients with closed eye injuries are usually treated on an outpatient basis, whereas open eye injuries require more care. Serious complications such as tears in the clear front layer of the eye (corneal tear) or the white part (scleral tear) may occur. Trauma can also cause the iris to detach from its base (iridodialysis), bleeding inside the eye (hyphema), a suspected intraocular foreign body (IOFB), or globe rupture. requiring hospital admission.

(The writer is a consultant opthalmologist, Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital, Bengaluru)

DOs

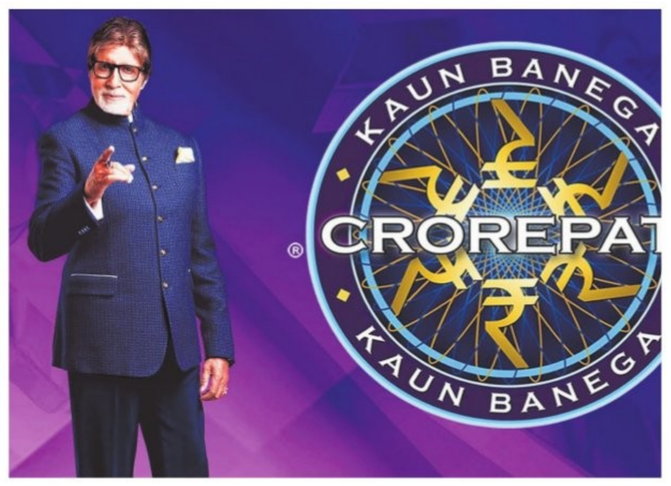
- If something gets into your eye, hold your eyelids open and flush continuously with water.
- If a large or stuck particle cannot be removed, keep your eyes closed and see an eye doctor.
- If chemicals get in the eye, rinse immediately for 30 minutes and consult an eye doctor.
- Burst crackers in an open space.
- Wear protective glasses or goggles when handling fireworks.
- Maintain a safe distance: arm's length while lighting and at least five metres while watching.
- Remove contact lenses before bursting crackers; use protective glasses instead.
- Store fireworks safely, out of children's reach, and supervise while handling them.

DON'Ts

- Rub or scratch your eyes.
- Apply pressure to an injured eye.
- Try to remove a large or stuck particle yourself.
- Use over-the-counter medicines, including pain relievers, for eye injuries.
- Wear synthetic clothing while bursting crackers.
- Keep fireworks near your face, hair, or clothing.

DISCLAIMER

The information provided here is not a substitute for medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the help of a medical professional regarding any health condition.



IN DEFENCE OF THE '*KBC* KID'

HRIDAY RANJAN
Urban Bourbon
(Writer, comedian)

NOW that the crackers have been burst, and the roads have been cleared by magical elves who ensure we can go back to work the next day, I'd like to address something that bothered me last week. In case you've been living under a Hard Rock Cafe, you'd have seen the kid who went on *KBC*, was outspoken in his demeanour, and got ousted before he could win anything. The entire nation celebrated, shared memes, and felt a collective catharsis when the kid went home after winning a grand total of nothing. Memes about being humble, reels about being impolite – for a couple of days, the entire nation dumped its morals on a 10 year old kid.

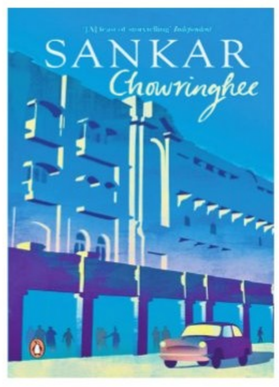
Most of us can't do basic math, remember our passwords, or quote our full Aadhaar card numbers. Yet, we held a 10-year old responsible for the moral decline of our civilisation! We expect our TV children to come in a particular variety – cute, polite, humble, and reverential. That's also how we like our sportspersons and stars. I don't really watch *KBC* anymore. After you cross 30, your life becomes a real-life *Kaun Banega Crorepati* where you chase the first crore on a daily basis. But it was refreshing to watch a kid who wasn't overthinking or burdened by fickle ideas of humility. People from my generation, who were beaten up at home, school and tuition classes, were speaking about how the kid should've been beaten up!

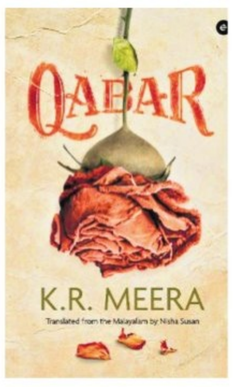
I doubt the issue would have become such a rage if the person sitting opposite the kid wasn't Mr Amitabh Bachchan. The kid hasn't watched *Sholay* or *Deewar*. He has probably never heard of *Shahenshah* or Panama. Of course, Mr Bachchan was voted the 'Superstar of the Century'. But this kid belongs to the present century. We overthink ten times before posting a story on Instagram. Yet, expect a 10-year-old to behave immaculately in front of the camera. As a nation, we used the erstwhile Angry Young Man to become angry old men!

We will move on to other memes. But the damage has been done. Yesterday, the kid apologised to the whole country, saying he has 'learnt a lesson for life'. Congrats! We gave lifelong trauma to a 10 year old for not behaving appropriately with an 83-year-old! We loved Mr. Bachchan's movies for playing a character who stood up against the establishment, for being outspoken. Now, we hate on a kid for showing some individuality and spunk on a TV show. The actor who showed us our first glimpse of rebellion now has to sit across a child who is being punished for it. I hope all those people who shared the memes are happier people. I am sure the incident made them better human beings and helped them become grounded, wholesome individuals.

His teachers must be waiting for him to commit a mistake in school, only to quote 'Ah! No wonder you behaved like that in front of Mr Bachchan'. In the future, the kid will have to face competitive exams and the rigours of making a career in the most populous country in the world. But he will always be the kid who behaved 'rudely' in front of Amitabh Bachchan. Kaun Dega Sympathy? Without knowing, the kid answered one of the most burning questions in India – How to behave in front of an elderly superstar? A) Polite B) Polite C) Polite D) Polite. And that, ladies and gentlemen, was another episode in India's favourite show – Kaun Banega Sanskari?

(The writer's views are personal)





Gains in translation

FLYLEAF
VR FEROSE
(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)

Le Petit Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry – originally written in French – has been translated into more than 300 languages. It is the most translated non-religious text in the world, second only to the Bible.

That children's books dominate this global list is no surprise. Alongside *The Little Prince, we find Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, The Adventures of Tintin, and The Adventures of Asterix*. Children's literature, in its innocence and universality, often travels farther than books meant 'for adults'.

My own reflections on translation were rekindled when I read the obituary of Edith Grossman in The New York Times. Grossman was no ordinary translator; she elevated the craft into an art form at a time when translation was not even considered a serious academic discipline.

Her versions of Gabriel García Márquez's *Love in the Time of Cholera* and Cervantes' *Don Quixote* became classics in their own right. Grossman insisted that her name appear alongside the authors on the cover – a radical but necessary assertion that translators are co-creators, not invisible intermediaries.

I feel a personal connection to this debate. Some of my books have been translated into multiple Indian languages, opening my writing to readers I may never meet.

Equally, some of my most cherished reading experiences have come through translation: *Ghachar Ghochar* by Vivek Shanbhag (translated from Kannada by Srinath Perur), *Chowringhee* by Sankar (translated from Bengali by Arunava Sinha), and *Qabar* by K R Meera (translated from Malayalam by Nisha Susan). These works reminded me that translators carry across not just words, but entire worlds.

But this raises an important question: is human translation still relevant today? On the one hand, artificial intelligence has made automatic translation widely available. On the other, languages are vanishing at an alarming pace – an estimated 1,500 will disappear by the end of this century.

These two opposing forces make the role of the translator more urgent than ever. Grossman herself addressed this in her 2011 book, *Why Translation Matters*. Every translation, she argued, is not a 'shadow' of the original but a new work, imbued with creativity and life.

While the phrase 'lost in translation' is commonly used, what we rarely acknowledge are the gains in translation. One of my favourite examples is Anthea Bell, who translated the Asterix comics from French to English.

She faced a peculiar challenge: French puns did not quite land in English, and the speech bubbles left very limited space. So, she invented new puns – so delightful that many readers claim the English versions are better than the originals.

Closer home, we are witnessing a quiet revolution in Indian translations. By now most people know of Geetanjali Shree's *Tomb of Sand* (translated from Hindi by Daisy Rockwell) which won the 2022 International Booker Prize. Benyamin's *Aadujeevitham (Goat Days)*, originally in Malayalam and translated into English by Joseph Koyippally, became an international bestseller and was recently adapted into the film *The Goat Life*.

Bengaluru-based Srinath Perur, who translated *Ghachar Ghochar*, won the 2020 Sahitya Akademi Award for English translation and has become one of the leading voices in the field.

While Bengali, Malayalam, and Tamil translations have historically enjoyed a head start, works from other regional languages are beginning to shine. Take *Phoolsunghi* by Pandey Kapil (Bhojpuri), translated by Gautam Choubey – a classic of Bhojpuri literature brought back into the limelight. Or *The Wait and Other Stories* by Damodar Mauzo (Konkani), translated by Xavier Cota – a collection that reflects small-town Goa and the dynamics of human relationships.

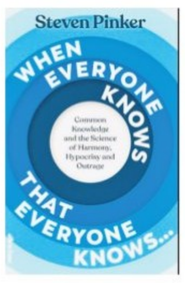
A translator carries within them not just the words of another, but also their rhythms, silences, and cultural codes. Translation allows us to cross the borders of language and geography, to inhabit worlds we might never otherwise enter. It preserves memory, sparks empathy, and reminds us that literature – like humanity itself – is always richer when shared.

(The writer's views are personal)

NUGGETS

New book unravels the power of common knowledge

When Everyone Knows That Everyone Knows (Penguin Random House; ₹1,099) by scientist and bestselling author Steven Pinker, explores the the transformative concept of common knowledge – awareness not just of facts, but that everyone else knows those facts too. It's this recursive loop, Pinker argues, that fuels everything from social media outrage cycles to financial bubbles, from diplomatic gamesmanship to the most awkward moments of a first date. The book bridges cognitive science with politics, culture, and everyday life, offering readers a framework to understand how what everyone knows shapes institutions, communities, and personal relationships.



Restaurant to host Asian food festival from October 24

JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru is geared up to host the Asian Food Festival at its Japanese restaurant UNO Izakaya from October 24 to November 2 to celebrate the artistry and diversity of Asian cuisine. Helmed by chef Raju Dorjee, the festival offers a dining journey that captures the balance of flavour, texture, and tradition across Asia's culinary landscape. The experience begins with soul-warming broths like miso and Korean ramen, followed by delicate lobster har gow and xiao long bao. Highlights include katsu chicken and tofu bao buns, beef rendang, steamed fish with nam jim dip, Hainanese chicken rice, and Singapore chilli crab. Vegetarian delicacies vary from mapo tofu and Thai curries. The meal concludes with desserts such as Japanese cheesecake and thap thim krop. Pricing ranges from ₹4,000 to ₹5,500.

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The film, directed by Chala, will feature Amrutha Iyengar as the female lead, and Sai Kumar in a prominent role

PRAMOD TO HEADLINE KP SREEKANTH'S UPCOMING MASS ENTERTAINER

Pramod

A SHARADHAA

FROM his debut in *Geetha Bangle Stores* to films like *Premier Padmini* and *Rathnan Prapancha*, actor Pramod has steadily carved a niche for himself. His talent has also crossed language barriers, earning him a break in Telugu with Prabhas-Prashanth Neel's *Salaar*, and he is currently working on another intriguing Telugu project, *Lenin*, with Akhil Akkineni.

The latest buzz is that Pramod is gearing up to lead an out-and-out mass entertainer, which is expected to bring together some of the best artistes and technicians in the industry. The film is produced by KP Sreekanth, known for hits like *Tagaru* and *Salaga*, under the banner of Venus Enterrtainers.

Sai Kumar

Sreekanth

The film will be directed by debutant filmmaker Chala, who will be ably supported by a strong technical department. While Hari Krishna is set to score the music, Satya Hegde will be the cinematographer, while production design will be managed by Shivakumar of *KGF* fame, along with Amar. Nirmal will oversee the VFX.

Amrutha Iyengar is cast as the female lead of the film, which also stars veteran actor Sai Kumar, marking 50 years in the industry. The makers plan to honour his incredible career with a felicitation at the launch event.

The grand launch, scheduled for October 24, is expected to draw big names from Kannada cinema, including Shivarajkumar and his wife Geetha, Sudeep, and Dhananjaya. In the event, the makers plan to unveil the film's title. The project is expected to go on floors this November.

Amrutha Iyengar

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Dheeren stars in Satya Prakash's full-fledged commercial outing

This will be the fifth venture for the acclaimed director, and the third outing for the actor

SATYA Prakash, the critically acclaimed director known for his distinctive films like *Rama Rama Re* and *Ondalla Eradalla*, is gearing up for his fifth directorial venture. Interestingly, he will be collaborating with actor Dheeren, grandson of the legendary Dr Rajkumar, who has been meticulous in selecting his projects and is now joining Satya Prakash for his third outing.

Produced by RV Multi Cines Creators, the film will be a departure from Satya Prakash's usual formulaic narratives, signaling a full-on commercial outing designed to capture wider audiences. Following Dheeren's completion of *Pabbar*, directed by Sandeep Sunkad, the new project is slated to enter production soon.

Industry sources reveal that Shivarajkumar, who has previewed the story, was thrilled by the subject and personally extended his blessings to the project. For Satya Prakash, this film represents a turning point, an opportunity to step away from familiar territory and embrace a commercially driven narrative while retaining his signature storytelling style.

Currently in pre-production, the team is in the process of finalising the cast and technical crew.

Dheeren and Satya Prakash

Hari Jayanna signed for Shivarajkumar's 135th film

The film will mark the debut production enture of Aphrodite Renaissance Talkies

Hari Jayanna

Shivarajkumar

CE FEATURES

SHIVARAJKUMAR is all set to headline his 135th film, produced by Raja (Ramesh Kumar) under the banner Aphrodite Renaissance Talkies. This marks the production house's debut venture. The film will be directed by Hari Jayanna, who previously helmed *Padavipoorva*, bringing a mix of experience and fresh perspective to the project.

Billed as a mega family entertainer, the film will showcase Shivanna in a special and unconventional role. The team plans to begin shooting early next year, with the casting currently underway. The makers are planning to share updates about the rest of the cast and crew soon.

Shivarajkumar, who has a few surprises in store to be announced, is currently shooting for *DAD*. The Century Star, who is also part of Hemanth M Rao's *666 Operation Dream Theatre*, will begin shooting for Pavan Wadeyar's project shortly. He is also busy with the Telugu film *Peddi*, starring Ram Charan and will join the sets of Rajinikanth's *Jailer 2* soon.

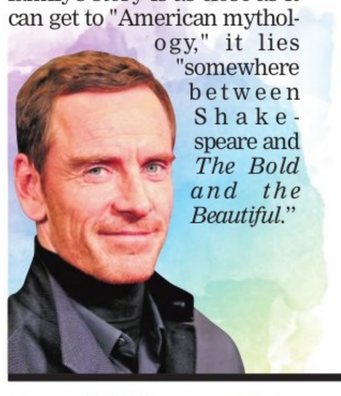
Michael Fassbender to play Joe Kennedy Sr

CE FEATURES

THE other day, Netflix announced a new drama series based on the Kennedy family, starring Michael Fassbender in the role of the family's head, Joe Kennedy Sr. An adaptation of author Fredrik Logevall's JFK: Coming of Age in the American Century, *Kennedy* will explore the events before any member of the family entered the White House. Executive producer and showrunner Sam Shaw's series is set in the 1930s and follows Joe Kennedy Sr's journey as he scales America's social ladder with his spouse Rose and their children. "A new series tracing the lives, loves, rivalries, and tragedies of the most iconic dynasty in modern history," said Netflix in the casting announcement.

Kennedy season 1 will delve into the life of Kennedy Sr and Rose's rebellious son, Jack, as he strives to break out of the 'golden boy' image of his older sibling.

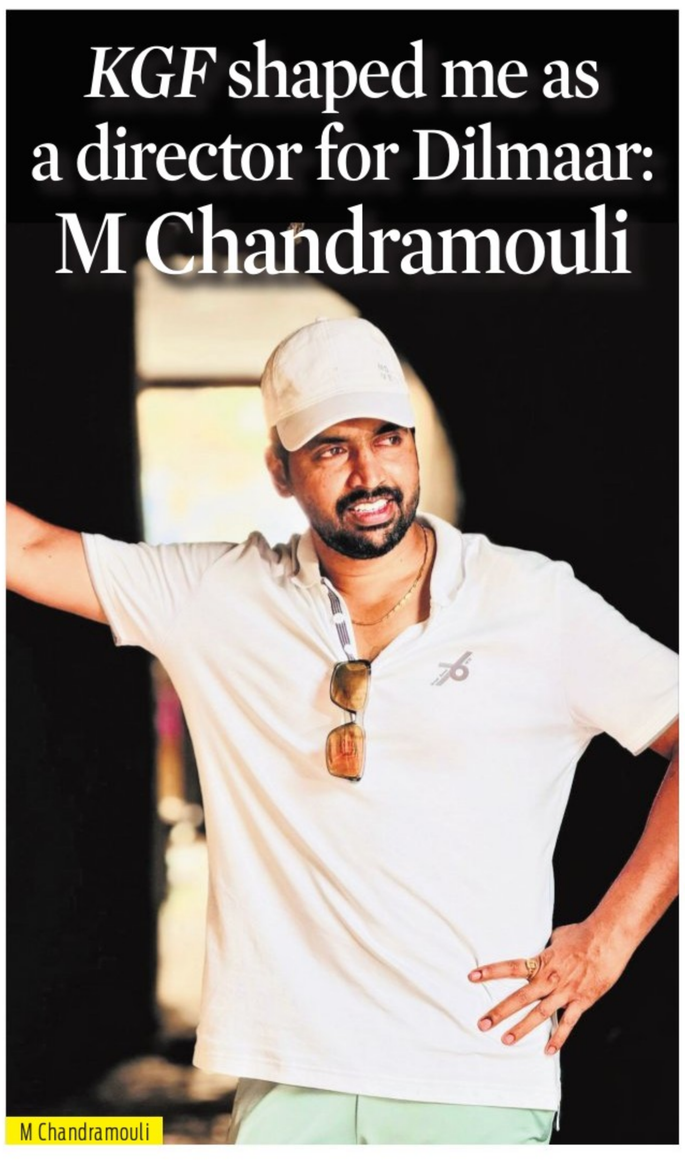
According to Castle Rock creator Shaw, the Kennedy family's story is as close as it can get to "American mythology," it lies "somewhere between Shakespeare and *The Bold and the Beautiful*."



First-time director recalls how Prashanth Neel recognised his writing flair, put him on a path to *KGF*, and then taking a detour to realise his directorial dream with Dilmaar starring Ram Gowda

KGF shaped me as a director for Dilmaar: M Chandramouli

A still from the film


M Chandramouli

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DEBUTANT filmmaker M Chandramouli reminisces about a dream that was tucked away in the corners of his heart for a long time. "I actually came to the industry to become a director," says Chandramouli, who began his career behind the scenes in *KGF Chapter 1* as a writer. "Fortunately, I got to associate with the *KGF* team, where I started in the direction department. I was handling workshops for new artistes, writing short scenes for them. That's when Prashanth Neel noticed my writing and felt I had a flair for it. He encouraged me to move into the writing department," he recalls, as he gears up for the release of his directorial debut, *Dilmaar*, on October 24.

What began as a simple creative exercise became the foundation of Chandramouli's writing career, and since then, he has worked on nearly 15 films, including Roberrt and Madagaja. He has also been involved in writing for the Kannada versions for Tamil and English projects. "Before becoming a director, I wanted to be strong in writing. *KGF* helped me build that strength," he says.

But finding his way back to direction wasn't easy. "It's risky," he admits with quiet honesty. "Direction is demanding, and it becomes tougher when you add financial hurdles. When I finally felt ready to direct, COVID hit and stole two years from all of us. But I realised this is what every newcomer faces when trying to bring their vision to life. I knew this was my time."

That conviction fuelled *Dilmaar*. "Dil stands for love, maar for action. It's a story where emotions collide, where love and rage walk hand in hand. That's the heartbeat of *Dilmaar*," says the filmmaker, who believes casting plays an important part in convincing the audience. "We wanted a hero with both intensity and freshness. Ram's personality was perfect for the role of Psycho Shulka. His look and his voice convinced me right away. Then came the workshops, which helped him completely become the character."

Produced by Nagaraj Bhadravati and Mahesha K, *Dilmaar* also stars Aditi Prabhudeva and Dimple Hayathi. With cinematography by Thanvik, music by Radhan, and a background score by Pradyothan, Chandramouli promises a film that is both visually striking and emotionally grounded.

Having once been part of KGF, comparisons are inevitable. "When you've worked with people like Yash and Prashanth Neel, and received support from stars like Shivarajkumar, Sriimurali, and Dhruva Sarja, it motivates you to deliver. Even Puneeth Rajkumar had kind words for my work. Recently, H D Kumaraswamy also spoke warmly about our film. It means a lot," says Chandramouli.

As *Dilmaar* nears release, Chandramouli admits to feeling a mix of excitement and anxiety. "The trailer, the songs, and the early reactions have been very positive. But until the audience watches it on the big screen, that wait never ends. Fingers crossed."

Looking back, Chandramouli sees *Dilmaar* as a journey from pen to camera. "Writing gave me the foundation. Direction taught me courage. And *Dilmaar* is where both have come together," he concludes.

ASG makes directorial debut with *Border Diaries*

A still from the film

Hoysala

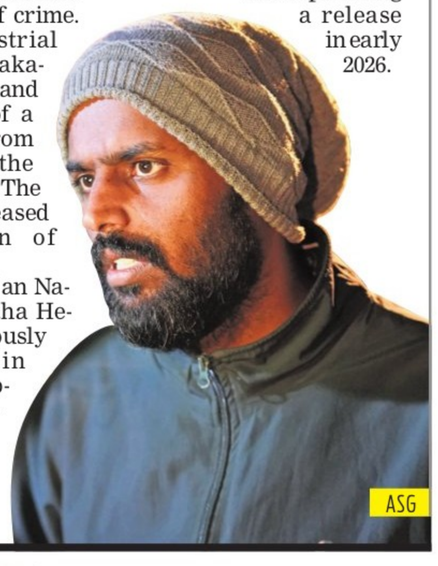
CE FEATURES

WRITER-turned-director ASG, who has contributed to films like *Saaheba*, *Nanna Prakara*, *Ondh Kathe Hella*, and *Thutu Madike* and authored the book Byatemara, is stepping into the director's chair with *Border Diaries*. The film is billed as a romantic drama mired in the world of crime. It is set in an industrial area on the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border and explores the lives of a couple who come from different parts of the state to work there. The title poster was released on the occasion of Deepavali.

The film stars Anjan Nagendra and Ashwitha Hegde, who have previously worked together in *Kambli Hula*. Supporting them are actors Gopal Krishna Deshpande, Tabla Nani, Sharath Lohithashwa, Veena Sunder, Kaali Prasad, and Nagaraj Shivashimpi. Kuldeep from Assam and Tiyasha Biswas from Kolkata also play important roles.

Produced by Hoysala Productions, the team behind *Rangasamudra*, the film features music by Judah Sandy, cinematography by Achyuth BS, who marks his debut with this film, and editing by Akash Hiremath, previously associated with *Bairathi Ranagal*.

The film was shot across several locations, including Hosur, Channapatna, Magadi, and the outskirts of Bengaluru. With shooting almost complete, the team has moved into post-production and is planning a release in early 2026.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